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Haughey in summit snub for Thatcher

Angry exchanges as Ryan row hits EEC

© The row over the Patrick Ryan

Mrs Thatcher and Wilfred Martens, extradition overshadowed the EEC the Belgian Prime Minister, both summit in Rhodes yesterday. © Irish Prime Minister Charles • The legal row between London and Hanghey appeared to snnb Mrs Dublin intensified with Britain imply-Thatcher, cancelling planned talks. In Irish complaints were insubstantial.

reacted angrily at a tense meeting.

From Richard Owen, Rhodes, and Philip Webster and Jamie Dettmer, London

plummeted further yesterday at the European Community summit in Rhodes over the extradition controversy surrounding Father Patrick

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, cancelled a planned meeting with Mrs Thatcher, and Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, responded angrily to "severe dressing down" from her over Belgium's failure to extradite the Irishman to Britain.

Mrs Thatcher told Mr Martens that she was dismayed, mystified and "deeply wounded" ov the Belgian action. He in turn accused her of not understanding Beigian law.

In London, the Crown Prosecution Service issued a cryptic statement about Dub-

in today's 56-page Times

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FIZINSIDE **Argentine** rebellion

Argentina prepared to address the UN General Assembly resterday the Argentine Army high command sent troops to the country's largest military base to crush a rebellion.

dition request in a manner which suggested it did not regard the issues raised as in

election campaign yesterday, said: We will need to look been discussed but which

James Prior ..

which is satisfactory.

little secret of the fact that the Thatcher-Haughey encounter, normally a routine feature of European summits, had been scrapped because of Mr Haughey's resentment over Mrs Thatcher's remarks on the failure of the Irish authorities to apprehend Father Ryan, wanted in Britain as a suspected IRA paymaster and bomb-maker. The official reason given for the cancellation was Mr Haughey's "personal convenience", an apparent

There was further Irish anger over bints that if and when Mrs Thatcher does meel the Taoiseach, she will ask him to redraft Irish extradition law on the ground that it is clearly too complex to work properly.

But officials said it was, in any case, too late to redraft the

Parliament).

any way substantial. And Mr Douglas Hurd, the gramme" left by Mr Haugh-Home Secretary, speaking ey's withdrawal by asking to during the Epping Forest by- see Mr Martens. She exand so will the Irish at the arrangements which have the Belgian Cabinet's decision

clearly don't work in a way

The planned hilateral talks between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Haughey may instead be heid today, at the end of the two-

But Irish officials here made

reference to his health following a recent operation.

A spokesman for Mr Haughey said that extradition arrangements between Britain and the Irish Republic were already "the easiest in the EEC". Earlier this year, Mr Haughey agreed to review extradition procedures if they

were not working properly.

when sentencing a man con-

victed of indecently assaulting

his stepdaughter, is to retire immediately on medical

grounds. The judge who is 72,

could have continued on the

A statement from the Lord Chancellor's Office said that

bench until next June.

Britain's relations with lin's request for further Irish Extradition Act before Ireland and Belgium information before it could next Tuesday's debate on the plummeted further ves- further consider the extra- subject in the Dail (Irish

Yesterday morning, Mrs Thatcher filled what officials pressed the dismay "not only of the Government but also of to let Father Ryan go was a clear breach of the legal advice given to Brussels by the Belgian Supreme Court.

Belgian officials said subsequently, however, that the court's decision was secret, and there was no confirmation that it had recommended

extradition. The Prime Minister told Mr Martens that she found his action "impossible to understand", and said it had dented confidence between their two behaviour contrasted with co-operation given to the Bel-Heysel Stadium disaster, when London had made every effort to ensure the extradition to Belgium of those charged to face "proper trial".

Mrs Thatcher reminded Mr Martens that Father Ryan had been charged with serious terrorist offences", and that London had fully consulted Brussels in drawing up both the extradition request and sworn statements. The Bel-gian Court of First Instance had approved extradition in September, and press reports "not denied by the Belgian Government" indicated the Court of Appeal had come to

the same conclusion. She accused Belgium of not intending to tell the British authorities until Father Ryan was in Ireland, giving London no chance to apply to Duhlin in time to request his arrest. In reply, Mr Martens produced an equally thick dossier

showing that in Belgium's Continued on page 16, col 8

Crown Court. The letter was

received on the day of the

The Lord Chancellor, Lord

Mackay of Clashfern, said:

"Having now seen a report of

the case. I wish to put on

record my personal dis-approval of the remarks be

Sex assault case judge

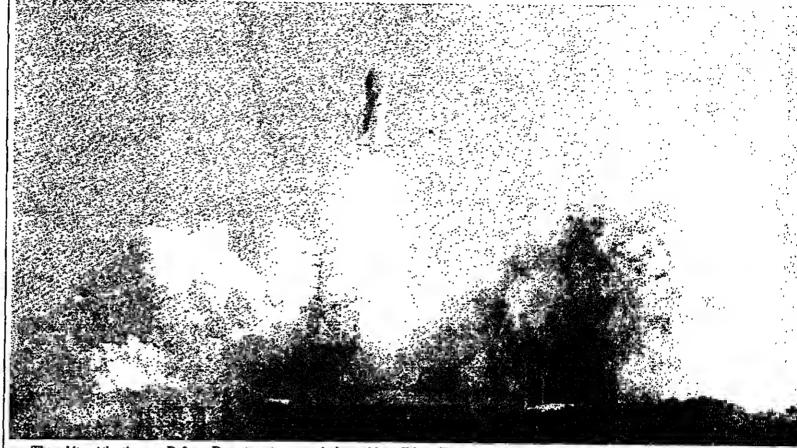
to retire immediately

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Judge Harold Cassell, who day before his controversial was criticized for his remarks comments at Knightsbridge

he tendered his resignation the made when passing sentence."

Blast-off for shuttle Atlantis's secret mission



The orbiter Atlantis, on a Defence Department secret mission, taking off from Kennedy Space Centre after a nne-day delay. Report, page 16.

Soviet hijackers give Heavy demand themselves up in Israel for Steel shares

a Soviet transport plane and forced it to fly to Israel port last night soon after landing, an array spokesman

The four men and a woman handed over a revolver and a confidence between their two large sum of money they had ers, the crew were handcu countries. She said Belgian stolen in the Soviet Union, he at the hijackers' demand. said. "h's all over and no one was hurt' Asked !! the gunmen were

> Jewish, the spokesman said: came here for Zionist national minority. reasons The hijacking began on Thursday when the assailants

stole a school hus with oupils and teachers on board in the southern Russian city of Ordzhonikidze: and demanded to be flown out of the Soviet Union, officials in Moscow said.

"To save the teachers and children, a decision was taken to provide a plane to the

Tel Aviv (Renter) — Five bandits," Mr Albert Vlasov, hijackers who commandeered head of the official Novosti news agency, told reporters.

The hostages were released surrendered to authorities at after Soviet authorities pro-Tel Aviv's Ben Curion Air- vided an Aeroflot transport The Soviet news agency Tass said that while negotia-itins were conducted between

the authorities and the hijackers, the crew were handcuffed Communist Party sources in Ordzhonikidze said the

two Russians, two Armenians, They did not identify them- and one Ossetian, a member selves hut I don't think they of a small Transcaucasian seizure of the plane was

They did not believe the

connected with the ethnic unrest that has rocked Armenia and the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan this There was no communication between the control tower

and the hijackers for the first 20 minutes after the plane

Security sources said Israeli

Soviet transport plane in. The decision to authorize landing was taken after consulting the ministers of defence, transport and police.

The pilot, who spoke only Russian, said the hijackers wanted a walkie-talkie on landing to state their demands. Through an interpreter, the control tower asked: "May we speak with the hijackers?" The pilot replied: "No."

Israeli transport minister, told reporters at the airport that the plane might not be allowed to land in Israel, or might be diverted to a military airfield, there were no hostages

The Israeli broadcasting service said later that the Soviet Union had made a formal request through the Soviet consular delegation in Tel Aviv for Israel to arrest and extradite the hijackers.

A security spokesman said the hijackers would be treated

Investors put up a total of 452 million shares for the more than £4 hillion for the public offer. public offer. £2.5 billion sell-off of British Steel, despite a falling stock-

In a result which seemed to have surprised even the sponsors of the issue, when tists closed yesterday morning at 10.01 am, public applications had been submitted for more

than a billion shares. Only a week earlier, it had their allocations in favour of been feared that a sharp set- the public applicants. back in the stock market caused by poor trade figures would put the sell-off in

More than 500,000 applications were received in the public offer for sale, and while the bankers were still counting and processing the forms last night, it appears that requests were submitted for up to two and a half times the number of shares on offer.

The main part of the total issue of two hillion shares had already been sold to institutions in Britain and to overseas investors, leaving only

In the event, demand was

high enough to trigger "claw-back" clauses under which not only the overseas investors out also British institutions will have to forego part of

The offer was priced to attract the maximum number of investors, and when the issue price of 125p was set hy Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, he faced claims that he was selling "too cheaply."

But the day after the price was announced, October's trade figures revealed a £2.4 hillion trade gap, which hit the stock market and raised doubts that the issue would be fully subscribed.

Details of the allocations of shares will be announced to-

TV chiefs praise supremo choice

urive of the Marley building group and recently appointed chairman of ITN, was named last night as the new commercial television supremo who vision revolution in the 1990s.



Mr George Russell, chief exec-urive of the Marley huilding from Lord Thomson of Monifieth as chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority in the New Year, but also head the authority's successor body, the Indepen-dent Television Commission.

His appointment by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was greeted with undisguised alee hy broad-casters last night.

Mr Russell, aged 53, not only has a first class record in commerce and industry, but also an intimate knowledge understanding of commercial television in Britain. He was a lay member on the IBA between 1979 and 1986 before taking up the deputy chairmanship of Channel 4 in January 1987. In Coatinued on page 16, col3

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Aberdeen University faces insolvency

The University of Aberdeen is accumulating debt at a rate of £2 million a year and faces insolvency unless it receives a substantial injection of funds, according to an in-depth study of the

university's financial state. The report, financed by the Universities Grants Committee, says the posilion is "clearly untenable, not only for itself and its staff and students bul also for the UGC and ultimately the Government".

In the report Segal, Quince, Wicksteed, the management consultants, say the committee should "provide special financial assistance to the university to enable it to get its deficit fully under control", providing it complied with recommendations to rationalize its management structure, improve financial planning, produce a plan to elimithe university over four years, starting with an emergency payment of £2 million next year if the university and the committee agree to comply with recommendations, which require it to save an extra £2 million over the next

sufficiently good heart to warrant an extra £5 million of taxpayers' money. He said fl million could be saved

from the "non-payroll" sector of the university but cuts of a further £1 million would result in the loss of at least 35 jobs. The University of Aberdeen already

were "regrettable" and he called on the

We have found no inherent reason to doubt the long-term viability of the university," says the report, which also criticizes the university for operating at high unit costs and being slow to attract

A university spokesman said the principal was not prepared to discuss what would happen if the extra £5 million was not forthcoming from the

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter nate the deficit and postpone new after severe cutbacks in its Government developments.

after severe cutbacks in its Government grant in 1982. developments. An extra £5 million should be paid to Professor McNicol said the job losses

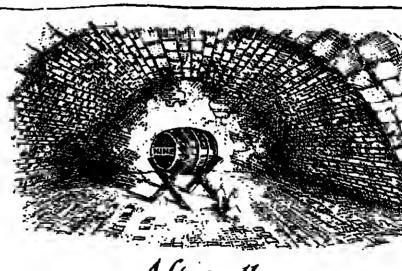
> Professor George McNicol, principal of the university, yesterday said it was reassuring that an independent financial firm thought the university was in

plans to cut 130 jobs as part of a financial rescue pian launched in November 1987 and was forced to cut staff by a quarter

university Senate, which meets next Wednesday, to support the plan. The university deficit is between £9 and £10 million and increasing at £2 million a year at present prices.

research funds.

"Our attitude is the same as the consultants, collapse is not an option. It is is inconceivable that the university would be allowed to go hust," he said.



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Relishing the trophies

A woman aged 19 who falsely Glencross. accused a former boy friend of "Had wo rape was sentenced to three years io a young offenders' institution yesterday after admitting attempting to pervert the court of justice.

man she wrongly accused. Thomas Glencross, a sign writer, told how he sat in a prison cell dreading he would never he able to prove his innocence. He is expected to receive compensation for his his innocence he was charged ordeal from the Home Office. and remanded to Lincoln

Mr Glencross, aged 26, of prison. Stamford, Lincolnshire, was held for two weeks in Lincoln prison on the false rape charge and feared he would get a 10-year sentence before his "vic-tim". Sara-Jane Goodwin. confessed to the police that

Judge Hutchinson told Goodwin at Lincoln Crown Court: "What you did was wicked beyond belief. Fonrteen days in Lincoln prison accused of a rape he did not

"Had you maintained your full lying story it might have been that this unfortunate man would have found himself in court and, had he been After she was sentenced, the could have expected was

One of five years." Mr Glencross was arrested and charged with raping Goodwin in the car park of a Stamford public house last July. Although he protested

Mr Nicholas Dean, for the prosecution, told the court yesterday that it was only as a result of further police inquiries that Mr Glencross was released from prison after officers tracked down an airman from RAF Wittering with whom Goodwin had spent the whole of the night when she alleged she had been raped by

her former boy friend. Goodwin told police she had invented the story of the commit must have been 14 rape because she returned to days of mental anguish for Mr Stamford after spending the rape because she returned to missing by her parents.

when he raped her.

Mr Dean said: "It was a vivid and detailed account of "What really frightened me rape. Her statement painted a was that I was looking at an picture of Giencross as a man who over previous weeks has continually pestered and threatened her because he supposedly could not accept their relationship was over. It amounted to a convincing account."

Mr Baz Bhatia, in mitigation, described Goodwin's story as a tale which rollercoasted oot of all proportion.

Mr Glencross said afterwards: "Three years is not enough. She should have got 10 years. She has wrecked my life. I hate that girl for what she has done to me. "One of the inmates ad-

was reported to the police as ferred to part of the prisoo with greater protection for my But, Mr Dean said, she had own good. I was told that given police a 25-page state- rapists were not treated kindly ment which even included the and I could meet a nasty exact descriptions of jewellery accident. I was told that rapists could get thrown over been worn by Mr Glencross the balcony, but I said I would the balcony, but I said I would not go anywhere else because I

> eight or 10-year sentence, bot the police would not believe that I was innocent."

Mr Giencross said that he had gone out with Goodwin until two years ago. He had seen her at the Riverside club in Stamford on the night of the alleged rape but had not gone anywhere near her. Goodwin. he said, was always following

him Mr Michael Pratt, Mr Giencross's solicitor, said that the Home Office had agreed that he should receive a payment for what had happened and that an indepen

Jaywalker fears £485,000 crash costs

A Glasgow mechanic faced with a £335,000 fine for causing a fatal accident on his first trip to Spain was last night waiting to hear if he has incurred a further £150,000 damages.

Mr Bobby Williamson, aged 47, of Appin Terrace, Burnside, Glasgow, jay-walked across the notorious Costa del Sol motorway, two years ago.

The driver of an approaching juggernaut was forced to swerve, lost cootrol and smashed into a police car and another car cootaining a British couple at 90 kilometres an hour.

A Spanish police officer was killed and the couple, along with another officer, were seriously injured. Mr Thomas Usher, a company director, and his wife, Claire, of Craven Street, London, have already been awarded nearly £100,000 against Mr Williamson in damages and

Yesterday, they were appealing to the court in Fuengirola, oear Malaga, for another £150,000. The dead police officer's family have already been awarded £150,000 and the injured officer

£42,000 in damages.

Mr Williamson, who earns £110 a week, said he saw no way in which he could raise the money. "I am already at my wits' end and cannot believe they can

expect me to pay", he said.

Mr Len Murray, a Glasgow lawyer
who has just returned from Spain, said that he believed that the Spanish equivalent of the Motor Insurers Bureau

would eventually pick up the bill. He said the fact that Mr Williamson had been pursued for the money would probably be a way for the Spanish authorities to establish the claim.

An insurance expert said: "Most tour operators provide policies with public liability cover against accidental damage to others. It seems likely that the insurers would be prepared to cover provided he contacted them at or immediately after the time of the accident, so they could defend him."

Senor Diego Ledesma, Mr Williamson's lawyer, said yesterday that Mr Williamsoo was covered by a comprehensive accident insurance policy at the time of the multiple collision on Boxing Day 1986. "It's up to the insurers

Police defend shooting of 'gunman'

man who took a hostage in London's West End oo Wednesday night, despite confirming that his "pistol" was a replica handgun.

At a press conference at Scotland Yard; Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Scotland Yard; Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Metal Mickey, aged 24, Meynell, who was in charge of heavily tattooed and of nother three-hour siege operation, fixed abode, was shot by one Metal Mickey - was shot, a The siege, which brought streets, cootinually issuing pected next week.

The Ministry of Agriculture, which said yesterday that it is

seeking ways to combat the

iofection of eggs and poultry with salmonella, has with-

drawn its grant from one

research project which had

shown promising results to ridding flocks of the bacteria.

It is also likely to end

another, concerning hygiene

in poultry slaughterhouses, under reorganization plans

The project, which is to be

brought to ao end in March, long before its field studies

have been completed, was being pursued by Dr Geoff Mead at the Institute of Food

Research's laboratory in

It was based on the theory that the spread of salmonella, oow thought to infect as many

as half the nation's poultry

flocks, has been assisted by

salmonella finds ready hosts

in chicks which have been

raised in isolation and have on

natural microbiological flora

His attempts to restore to

chicks the gut microbes that

they would, in conventional

farming, have inherited from

intensified rearing methods. Dr Mead believes that

oexl year

in the gut.

He added: "It is always regrettable when force is required to end an armed situation. This is particularly so when the weapon is subsequently found to be an "nonsharion."

said officers at the scene rifle round near the right shoulder blade. The bullet loaded. Mr Meynell said that

Egg study grant withdrawn

istry of Agriculture, Fisheries

likely before early next week.

their parents, had succeeded

in keeping salmonella out of

20 flocks out of 22 included in

withdraw the grant for the

research was made known a

fortnight ago, and as yet no poultry industry source has

expressed interest in funding

improving hygiene in slan-

ghterhouses, has been pursued

at the Institute of Animal Health's Poultry Research Station at its Houghton

It is likely to be brought to a premature eod next July or

August when the Houghton

staff are to move to the

Institute's premises at Comp-

ton, near Newbury, Berkshire,

under rationalizatioo plans. There are no facilities for

research oo poultry at

Research oo hygiene at slaughter could be relevant to

The other project, aimed at

The ministry's decision to

the trials to date.

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Laboratory.

Compton.

and Food said no decisioo was try feed.

Senior Metropolitan Police "replica handgun in the chaos to the West End, began threats. "At about 1.00am it officers yesterday defended cocked position was when plainciothes policemen the decision to shoot a gun-recovered". were approached by a man who told them he had been

> "At about 22.30pm, the man was confronted outside said. "A struggle ensued dur force."
> ing which he produced a The grantian was still in the handgun and grabbed a doorway of a Catholic chairch passer-by, whom he then in Maiden Lane. threatened with a gun."
>
> He was taken to West-

slaughterhouse waste in poul-

of 30 million eggs a day.

In fact there have been 26

coofirmed outhreaks of sal-

monella poisoning involving 450 people, and environ-mental health officers say they

have reported at least another

20 outbreaks of salmonella

poisoning in which eggs may

Salmonella enteriditis is

specific to chickens, and fears that it could infect the birds'

oviducts and pass directly into

egg yolks were first reported in The Times in April this year.

At that time the Depart-

ment of Health and Social

Security said that there was no

reason to offer new advice

raw or partly cooked eggs.

be implicated.

Scientists were continuing salmonella enteriditis pharge-tests oo figs yesterday after type 4 in eggs, since ooc fears that the dried fruit may possible method of spread that

contain a cancer-causing sub- has been suggested is in the stance, aflatoxin. The Min- practice of iocludiog

became apparent that negotia-tions had broken down". Mr Meynell said. There were real fears for

trophies around Mr Charles Allsopp, chair-

man of Christie's London, who sold all three.

When they are fully paid for they will be dispersed to unknown destinations (Sarah Jane

Checkland writes). Picasso's "Acrobat et

Jenne Arlequin", which fetched £20.9 million,

is destined for Japan, having been bought for

an anonymous collector there by an agent from

the Mitsukoshi department store. But Chris-

tie's refuses to diclose the new address of the

Central Criminal Court heard

Miss Gillian Langford said

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the safety of the hostage and man was confronted outside other persons. The decision the Post Office", Mr Meynell, was thken to end the siege by

He was taken to West-

Surrounding streets were minster Hospital, where he cordooed off and ocgotiations was in a stable condition began, using a loudhailer. The yesterday. His hostage was moved around the unharmed. Charges are ex-

Life term children'

A man aged 38 was jailed for life by a Central Criminal Court judge yesterday to save children from his "revolting behaviour".

The Minister of Agriculture, Sir James Miskin, the Re-Mr John Macgregor, said last corder of London, told Edwin week that there had been only 26 cases of salmocella poisoning this year and cootrasted that with a daily consumption

ing regard to your past behav-iour, but much more impor-

he admitted two serious sexual offences and a further six years of concurrent jail terms for four indecent assaults, on a boy aged four and his brothers aged six and nine, in woods at Chislehurst, south-west Lon-

Wallis and a another man, Nigel Curwen, aged 30, also of addington, were re-appear ing after being remanded for

Curwen was jailed for five years after admitting one offence of serious sexual assault and two of indecent assault involving the same victims.

'to protect

Wallis, of Paddington, west London, that he was a "total and repetitive menace to the "Both as punishment, hav-

tantly to save other youngsters from your revolting behaviour, you will go to prison for Wallis was given life when

psychiatrie reports. craft. So applications should be made mmediately in order to be certain of

about consumption, but in August, oo the advice of the chief medical officer, the Department issued a warning against the consumption of

Ashton leaves Ondone royalties to Fonteyn

By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

mds and a host of royalty rights to c cers with whom he worked, it was disclosed

Sir Frederick, founder choreographer for the Royal Ballet, died in August at the age of 83. In his will, published yesterday, his estate was valed at more than £1 million.

Dame Margot Fonteyn who lives in Panama, will receive the royalties for Ondone, the ballet he devised for her in 1958. She was also left Str Frederick's royalties from Dapknis and Cklos, as well as

Mr Anthony Dowell, the Royal Ballet director and one of Britain's most outstanding

In his last gift to ballet Sir rights to The Dream and A Frederick Ashton, the chor-Month in the Country. Sir eographer, left thousands of Frederick left £20,000 and his royalties from Cinderella and Symphonic Variations to Mr Michael Somes, former principal répétiteur (teacher) at the Royal Ballet.

Alexander Grant, the character dancer who retired in 1976 after 30 years with the Royal Ballet, receives £20,000 and the royalties from La Fille Mai Gardèe and Façade.

Mr Antony Dyson, of Brixton, south-west London, was left £40,000 and the royalties from Enigma Variations and Monotones I and II. Mr Brian Shaw, of Fulham,

south-west London, receives £10,000 and the royalties from Les Patineurs and Rendezvous Frederick left £1.161.845 after tax.

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 In a major series next week The Times takes a sharp look at government policy and at the key ingredients in the jam: company cars, Tube trains, bus lanes. bottlenecks and clamp units.

With the help of a computer-aided projection, we begin on Monday by asking: exactly why does the capital's average speed

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Portfolio Accumulator

 One answer to the travel problem comes from Mr Peter Greenhalgh, from Cambridge, one of two winners to share the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 yesterday. A self-employed builder, aged 36, he plans to take helicopter flying lessons. The other winner was Mrs Aline Garneys; from -Hampstead, north London.

◆ There is £28,000 to be won in Portfolio Accumulator today — or the weekly £8,000 prize. Game: pages 21, 22

Only a few will ever possess these historic coins.

picture held by Mr Allsopp - Picasso's Nature Morte aux Cartes-a-Jen et Peches'

'L'Homme qui March I" (£3.74 million).

Apart from those record-breaking sales, Christie's achieved £77.4 million at sales in

London and Glasgow last week. It stands to

gain more than £5 million from the three

records alone, with 10 per cent commission on

each from both buyer and seller. But Mr

Allsopp has now developed a septic elbow in

Miss Mason and Roy As-ton, aged 24, of Arnold House,

Doddingtoo Grove, Wal-worth, south-east Loodoo,

deny murder and child cru-

his gavel-wielding arm after a fall.

Mother 'threatened to kill baby'

mionths told a social worker south Loodon, in June last her". she had threatened to kill the year. She said: Masoo "iold Mic

child three months before, the me an argument had brokeo

A mother charged with muraged 22 and her baby Doreen Langford said: "She told me

dering her daughter aged 16 at a Brixtoo family centre, in that she had threatened to kill

out between her and her sister,

and she wanted to prove to her

sister that she could batter

she had seen Christine Mason. Doreen if she wanted". Miss elty. The case continues.



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regularly since then. All foun-dered, either for want of Government money or controversy nver the plans.

The history of disputes dates back to 1732 when William Kent was asked to plan a simple but dignified building for the Lords and Communs. But Par-

The destruction of the Victorian Commons chamber by firebombs on the night of May 11, 1941, gave a chance to provide further accommodation for MPs and their staff.

Ad hoc committees and various huilding schemes litter the history of Westminster in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

But in 1983 the Commons voted to redevelop the Bridge Street site, bordered by Par-liament Street and the Embankment, to provide MPs and their staff with accommodation that at least matched that of White-hall civil servants. The target set was that by 1995 every MP should have an office. It is

unlikely to be achieved. Following a general election the battle for space for each MP plus secretary is fierce and often

There are 165 single rooms for MPs in the Palace of West-minster, mainly occupied by ministers and other office-holders, and 95 singles in out-

NEWS ROUNDUP

Two killed after welding blast

explosion and fire destroyed a garage near Orpington, Kent, yesterday. The blast happened just after lunchtime in workshops at Limes Garage in Green Street Green, near the M25. Firemen believe it may have been sparked off by a welding accident.

Two people said to be seriously injured were taken to Bromley Hospital. Firemen wearing breathing apparatus later pulled out two bodies from the blaze. The names of the two dead workers were not being released until they were

Opt-out from STV job

Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of Royal Mail Letters, yesterday unexpectedly announced that he was no longer interested in the post of managing director of Scottish Television. His announcement came shortly before the Scottish Television board met to decide who should succeed Mr Bill Brown, who is to retire in June. Mr Cockburn, aged 45, had been widely tipped for the position. The board decided to postpone the question of Mr Brown's successor. The two most favoured contenders are now Mr Gus Macdonald, the station's director of programmes, and Mr Alan Montgomery, the finance director.

Police 'taped' inquiry

Policemen in the West Midlands force said they had been framed by their own officers when devices were used to tape conversations with a suspected criminal. The complaints department planted a microphone on a fraud suspect when he was interviewed by hurgiary squad detectives on Wednesday. The officers were taped during the interview and shortly afterwards their offices were raided by members of the department. An inquiry has been ordered into the use

Father is acquitted

A man who stabbed his heroin addict son to death with a 14in kitchen knife was released yesterday after being acquitted by a jury at Liverpool Crown Court. The jury, of eight men and four women, found Mr John Albertina, aged 51, of Benledi Street, Liverpool, not guilty of murdering Stephen, aged 21, on March 11 this year. He was also found not guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter. Mr Albertina told the court he stabbed Stephen in self-defence after his son came at him armed with a wrench, during a violent

Hill protection plan

A protection plan for the Quantock Hills in west Somerset, including restrictions on staghunting to prevent further erosion, is detailed in a report today. The Quantock Hills management plan has taken three years to produce and suggests a winter ban on the use of the hills by large groups, such as hunt followers, who would be asked to meet in less vulnerable areas. The Quantock Staghounds says that would be impractical. The plan proposes 40 measures to minimize damage, including the "quiet period" in December and January, when the hills are at their wettest.

Cathedral pledge

The Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, the Very Rev Kenneth Jennings, yesterday gave an assurance that the building's most important treasure, a medieval effigy of the Duke Robert of Normandy, the eldest son of William the Conqueror, would not be sold to raise funds for the £4 million restoration campaign which was launched with the Prince of Wales as its patron. The appeal will mark the 900th anniversary next year of the building which is the closest cathedral to the Prince's country home at Highgrove.

'Stayaway' ruling for soccer thugs

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Football supporters convicted hooligan offences. The new of hooliganism are to be powers are to be included in prevented from attending big the Football Spectators' Bill, matches abroad.

They will have to report in to an attendance centre, probation officer or other suitable agency at the time the

matches are played. Announcing the new crackdown yesterday. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, disclosed that he was also considering extending the restrictions to offenders convicted ahroad of football

which will bring in the nat-ional membership scheme. They will be in force by early

Supporters convicted of hooliganism will still be penalized in the normal way. They will have a restriction order added to their sentence.

People convicted in foreign courts face being brought before a British court to have a restriction order imposed.

Student loans 'could cut numbers at colleges'

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter Government proposals to introduce student loans could depress the number of teenagers going into higher education, putting a "severe brake on the economy", educationists said yesterday.

That is even though job prospects

for graduates now are considered better than they have been for a decade, and likely to improve as the number of 18-year-olds fails. Mr Jack Straw, Opposition spokesman on education, said yes-terday that proposals to introduce

top-up loans for students would put school leavers off the idea of going into higher education. "There is no doubt that loans will be off-putting to sixth formers, particularly since they will be attracted into jobs at 18 by recruit-

hungry employers", he said. "At no stage has the Government been able

The Government has privately warned Conservative opponents of the so-called closed shop operated by the National Union of Students that it will have to tread warily in any attempt at reform. It has pointed out the risk of further autagonizing dons and questioned the wisdom of taking on the union while it is hringing forward controversial proposals for loans for undergrad-mates. Critics of the NUS, who include more than 200 Tory backbenchers, including Mr Norman Tebbit and Mr Michael Heseltine and Conservative Collegiate Forum, the official Tory higher education body, have also been told that many students value the welfare services provided by their local student unions. The

to explain by what process of alchemy loans will increase access.

"They put a premium on the jobs with the highest wages which will be another twist of the knife in teacher shortages", he said.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals, which meets to discuss the loans proposals next week, said that the principle for discussions would be that "nothing

should be done in any way which would lead to a decline in the number of students - a shortage of graduates will be a chronic brake on the economy.

A number of sectors have begun recruiting graduates for the first time and the unemployment rate among them has dropped consis-tently since 1982, according to a survey published by the Association

cautions message about the possibility of reform was delivered to a private meeting of the forum by Mr Robert Jackson, Under-Secretary of State for Education, on Thursday. However, he is said to be sympathetic to the case for change. Insiders pressing for fundamental reforms to end what they regard as a state subsidy for political campaigning by the NUS fear that the

Government may be preparing the ground for a compromise and that it may settle for allowing students to opt out of the NUS, rather than requiring them to opt in. They believe that such an arrangement would leave the union relatively undisturbed. At present, students are automatically enrolled in the NUS.

of Graduate Careers Advisory

A total of 5.9 per cent of university graduates, 9.2 per cent of those leaving polytechnics and 8.3 per cent of those who left colleges of higher education in 1987. faced unemployment six months after graduating, the survey said.

According to the AGCAS report What do Graduates do?, which is

praini formers, "it is possible that the employers' growing need for more graduates may not be met".

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The "growing need" for graduates is reflected in increased recruitment among mature students, who have traditionally fared less well.

Graduates in electronics and communications engineering were among the most sought-after as were those with degrees in accountancy, engineering, and medicine and

More graduates are being recruited into retailing, building societies, and the leisure industries, and the report says that the demand for graduates looking for jobs in these sectors is likely to increase.

What do Graduates do? (Hobsons Publishing, Bateman Street, Cambridge CB2 1LZ; £2.50 plus 75p

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Hazards of buying local tank 'widely exaggerated'

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

ment if it commits more than £1 billion to buy the British Challenger Mark 2 battle tank has been widely exaggerated, senior industry sources said yesterday.

The Government is ex-pected to make a final de-cision by December 15 on whether to choose the Challenger 2, being developed by Vickers Defence Systems of General Dynamics.

A common argument against the Challenger 2 is that it is a "paper tank" compared with the Abrams, which is in service with the US army. The Challenger 2 will not be in prototype form until 1990. British Army chiefs insist that the 500 ageing Chieftains still in service in Germany must be replaced by the early 1990s.

But in detailed presentations at a special briefing at the Ministry of Desence in September, Vickers dem-September, Vickers dem-onstrated that all components ment is built by Marconi. of Challenger 2 have now been built and individually tested. The remaining technical

challenge is to integrate the the element of risk comes in, hut claims the risk is low because there is enough time and expertise to overcome the

Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, who sponsored a Commons motion calling on the Cabinet to award the contract to Viekers, yesterday on a visit to the Vickers factory in Leeds, said: Vickers feels that the Challenger 2 will be compatible in

mance and price "The workforce here has the experience and teehnical know-how to overcome any problems and to produce a tank that will meet the Army's

terms of technology, perfor-

The risk facing the Govern- specifications and in the right timescale. I find it extremely worrying that the Government has not been prepared to commit itself to the British workforce and to British technology.

Vickers has told the ministers that some key components of Challenger 2 will be foreign, not British.

The development of the tank's turret is proceeding in Leeds or the MIAI Abrams, collaboration with several built by the US company, overseas companies. The computer for the fire control system — the aiming and firing equipment — has been huilt by CDC of Canada.

The Canadian computer is already fitted in the MIAI Abrams but the Challenger 2

will be of a later generation. SFIM, a French company, has developed the tank commander's primary sight, while Sagem, another French firm, in collaboration with Barr and Stroud of Britain, have produced the gunner's primary

The Abrams is recognized as a proven tank with superior speed and fire control capability compared with the Challenger 1. But the MIA1 Abrams does not yet meet the

British Army's specifications. A key requirement is for an auxiliary engine which will conserve fuel and reduce the thermal signature created by exhaust fumes when the tank is under camouflage.

The current Abrams has only one gas turbine engine whereas the Challenger 1 and 2 have an auxiliary. The M1A1 Abrams "block 2" being offered to Britain will have two engines.

A major concern of the Government is the cost of running the Abrams.

One report suggested the Abrams would consume 496 gailons of fuel a day compared with Challenger's 284 gallons.

Trout return to loch



Mr Donald McMillan checking fish taken from Loch Fleet, Dumfries and Galloway, after the electricity industry's successful five-year project to revive trout breeding there.

By Kerry Gill

of a Scottish loch after a revitalization project by the electricity industry.

The waters of Loch Fleet in Dumfries and Galloway gradually became too acidic for fish to survive because of the surrounding peaty soil conditions and over the past 70 years indigenous trout gradually disappeared.

A venture sponsored by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, the North of Scotland Hydro Board, the Central Electricity Generating Board and British Coal during the past five years has led to the discovery of young trout in the loch.

Adult trout have begun breeding after treatment of the surrounding land, which included the deposit of almost 500 tonnes of limestone throughout the drainage area.

The brown trout fry, the offspring of 300 adults released in May last year, provide important evidence that the revitalization methods of the project can be used to reclaim

other waters affected by acidity and acid rain.

Trout have begun breeding for the first time since the mid 1960s in the once-barren waters

Many freshwater fisheries in parts of northern Europe have been badly damaged by sulphur dioxide emissions from fossil-fuelled power stations, and there has been increasing evidence that salmon and sea trout have been killed off in the west of Scotland over the past

> It is believed that industrial pollution has accelerated the natural acidification found in soils in areas where soil is thin and low in important neutralizing agents such as calcium, Mr Bryan Stewart, principal chemist with the South of Scotland Electricity Board, said: "The planting of trees may also have contributed to acidification of lakes and streams. Whatever the cause, toxic forms of aluminium are released from such soils under these conditions and it is the combination of high acidity, high aluminium and low calcium which is harmful to fish."

As recently as the 1940s, anglers could hope to catch about 100 brown trout each year in the 43-acre loch, but catches quickly declined.

Help for parents of sick children

By Jill Sherman Social Services

Guidelines to give parents greater rights of access to their children in hospital are to be issued by the Government early next year as part of a drive to improve child health

A circular, which will be sent to all health authorities in February, will call on every hospital children's department to provide facilities to ensure that parents can stay with their children day and

Disclosing details of the guidelines yesterday, Mrs Ed-wina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, said that families should become more involved in the health care of their children

"Parents should be regarded as a resource not a nuisance". she said. Speaking at a conference on child health care. held by the National Association of Health Authorities, Mrs Currie said that hospitals should abolish any rules which at the moment restrict parents from visiting their children at all times.

They should also ensure that any decision to advise the parent on medical grounds not to visit a child on a particular occasion was made only by the consultant in charge.

"We believe that children have a right to the care and comfort of their parents whilst in hospital and that parents should be positively encouraged to stay with them." Professor Philip Graham, sead of child psychiatry at the Institute of Child Health, London, claimed that in some districts the majority of children in hospital were not nursed in a children's ward.

age of paediatrically trained He also called on health authorities to oppose the freezing and gradual erosion of child benefit. "The benefit is paid directly to the mother and there is good evidence that it is used for the benefit of the child."

There was also a severe short-

However speaking to ournalists later Mrs Currie said that a universal child benefit was not appropriate to

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PARLIAMENT

MPs' wait for better conditions By Sheila Gunn 277

Schemes for building or converting sites around West-minster have been drawn up

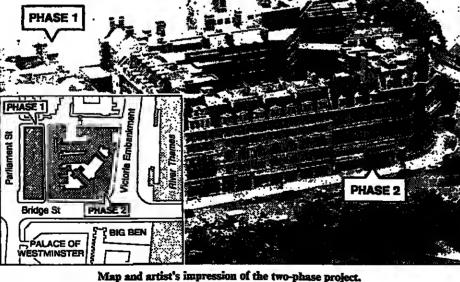
liament had to wait muil the fire of 1834 for a new building.

enjoys four times more office space than an MP. Security is also a nightmare as police have to guard both the Palace of Westminster, the six outbuildings used by MPs and staff and supervise all comings and goings. Some improvement is at last in sight. By the end of the summer recess in 1990, Phase

Row police station will also be converted to offices. The buildings facing Bridge Street, Parliament Square, Par-liament Street and Cannon Row are being gutted to make way for

One of the Bridge Street redevelopment is due to be

completed and the old Cannon



tibrary space, restaurant, bar and a parliamentary bookshop. buildings. Most of the other 388 MPs have to share. Of the 410 secretaries, 314 have to share a This Phase One, £30 million development drawn up by Sir Hugh Casson preserves the hisroom with at least three others On average a senior civil servant toric facades, many of them

The hitch is Phase Two - the development of the river por-tion of the Bridge Street site around Westminster underground station.

Sir Hugh's firm of architects, Casson Conder, drew up a design study for the £70 million redevelopment of the site, including fountains, moving the Underground entrance and building over the line. MPs recoiled from such luxury and asked the Government's own Property Services Agency to draw up a "bargain basement scheme costed at £47 million.

"The decision to proceed with the next stage of the redevelop-ment by commissioning detail-The Government is veering ing planning studies is most welcome."

Plans to increase office accommodation at the Palace of Westminster would create a gracious scheme at reasonable cost, Mr John Wakeham, Lead-

Opening the debate, Mr Wakeham said that accommodation had long been felt to be unsatisfactory. About 500 MPs had access to only 150

Casson Condor Partnership had produced a design study for the site and the Property Services Agency had put together an alternative strategy. The two were not mutually exclusive. One could be combined with elements of the other. The Casson Condor proposals would add about a year to the time-table. The committee believed that it was more important to press ahead and that part of the

The PSA proposals would cost £47 million, and the Casson Condor proposals £70 million.

The site being next to "one of the most famous and beautiful Victorian buildings in the world", the committee had emphasized that it would be unfortunate if an insensitive and utilitarian building design were adopted for speed and economy. But we should not be 100 extravagent, either. "The way forward recom-

our parliamentary purposes without making undue demands on the public purse." Mr Ray Pewell, chairman of the select committee, said that

mended by the Services Com-mittee would give us a gracious scheme of a fitting standard for

for the part-time, gentlemen MPs of the 19th century (not for) modern MPs who require staff, space and facilities to cope with the burden of constituenc work and the sheer slog of parliamentary duties."

There should not be any more excuses for delay. Facilities should be made available for the computers of the young intake educated in modern technology. "The present lack of accommodation is not merely a minor inconve-nience to a few MPs. It is a curb

"The sub-committee has no ntention of angering the beir to the throne by permitting the building of a monstrous carbuncle on this site. The re-strained classical style, dignified but not seeking to distract attention from the Palace opp-osite, would be suitable."

Staffordshire. C) said that the impression should not be given that the proposal was a matter of personal extravagance by MPs.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lah) said that when he first arrived at the House he had to work in the cloisters, a grand name for a subterranean corridor. The conditions there were so terrible that a fire would

a mini general election.

Wakeham backs 'gracious' first came be had, for a very short time only — two days — actually had to share an office with Mrs Edwina Currie. "This

is not a joy. Calls for food shops in the ew building should be resisted. He did not want people coming to the House to do their ristmas shopping nor to buy their cat food.

Miss Ann Widdecnmhe (Maidstone, C) said that working MPs were at the House for long hours and had no chance to do their shopping. "Is it really unbalanced to have one tiny area selling necessities when we have one area selling posh Parker pens and souvenirs?"

Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, said that in addition to MPs, 4,000 people worked at Westminster. The workforce was exempt from employment protection con-

itions. Most MPs were apologetic and ashamed that they had to keep visiting groups, including pensioners and young children, outside in pouring rain while they waited to go through the security system.

Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said that the Cannon Row refurbishment was on target for completion next sum-mer 1989. He had told the contractors that it was of paramount importance that work be

completed on time. Because extra resources had gone into Phase One, they had not made as fast progress on Phase Two but it was not correct to say that no progress had been made. They hoped to appoint the architect before next Easter.

Kinnock's decision angers left

NEXT WEEK

Labour has decided not to vote against the second reading of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, which comes before the Com-mons on Tuesday (Nicholas Wood writes).

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour

leader, has instructed his MPs to

abstain on the Bill, and in the process has infuriated the left. As with other such orders, front-benchers defying a three-line whip would be sacked. Labour has departed from its previous posture of outright opposition to similar measures

because it supports that part of the Bill aimed at choking off the IRA's financial lifetine. However, in the wake of the ruling by the European Court. Labour intends to table an amendment rejecting the provision that allows the police to hold terrorist suspects for seven days before bringing charges. The Court has ruled that suspects must be brought before a

court promptly.

Mr Kinnock's action is intended to show that while Labour is not soft on terrorism, it is not prepared to support measures that it regards as coun-

terproductive. Northern Ireland will also dominate Monday's business with the second reading of a Bill requiring candidates in local elections in the Province to renounce political violence.

The Water Bill, paving the way to privatization, will come under heavy fire from the Opposition at second reading on Wednesday and Thursday.



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offices for 60 MPs and 100

further studies into a suitable architectural style for the sensitive site and investigate how to get the best use of the existing buildings. that it will be finished before the end of the century.

mons committee, is to order

Following vesterday's debate Mr Christopher Chope, a junior Environment Minister, told *The Times*: "The refurbishment of the old Cannon Row police station and first phase of the Bridge Street redevelopment will provide extra offices for 60 MPs and 140 Members' secretaries. Work is well under way and these projects are due to be completed in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

worked in impossibly

new Westminster building cramped and squalid con-ditions. "The building that we work in is an architectural masterpiece but it was designed

er of the House, said during debate on a select committee

single rooms. on the effectiveness Parliament.

the work involved in the Casson proposals could be added later. Mr Patrick Cormack (South

> "We are looking at the needs of modern MPs and they cannot do a proper job of serving their constituents in the fullest way without reasonable accommo-

mean not just a by-election, but

Head teachers to set up training company

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

Britain's head teachers are so concerned about the quality of training being offered to them that they plan to set up their

The National Association of Head Teachers, which represents the majority of state school heads, will announce later this month that it has formed NAHT Management Development Services Ltd.

The company will offer courses, lasting between a few hours and a week, to prepare heads for their new responsibilities under the Education Reform Act.

Mr Michael Pipes, a former ready recruited the management talents of Marks & City of Portsmouth Boys Spencer, is headed by Mr Da-School, yesterday said the vid Styan, a former headmas-training offered by most poly-ter and an NAHT member. "A lot of them hav technics and colleges was "two In addition preliminary discussions out of date".

A lot of them have out taught in a comprehengenerations out of date".

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, universities about running to the experience side of things has already expressed apeducation versions of the they have not got a clue", he proval of the company, which fits in well with government plans to encourage private enterprise in the training field.

Volunteers have rescued at- names of the governors who tempts to hold a ballot of would rau the school must parents at Ravensbourne Girls appear on the ballot paper and School in Bromley, south-east the mass resignation threat London, on whether it should meant that could not be comown management training control. The ballot was about opting out had by last night opt out of local authority plied with. Parents supporting to be cancelled because all but produced enough volunteers to three of the 15 members of the fill the places and the Departgoverning body announced ment of Education and Science they would resign if parents gave permission for the ballot voted to opt out. By law the to go ahead.

Last week Mr Baker launched niques into school administraa "task force" to oversee tion would be "a quantum training for school heads. The leap forward in the way new company hopes to be schools are run". among the first to win con-

The task force, which has al- generally poor.

cussions have taken place sive. They may be very good between the association and academics but when it comes Master of Business Admin- said. istration (MBA) degree.

Mr Pipes said bringing ment's education reforms, tioo has ever modern management tech-which will make heads responsource said.

sible for almost all aspects of running their schools, had left traditional teacher trainers lagging well behind", he said.

However, the new company will have to compete with a growing number of private training organizations including the Industrial Society, which already runs regular courses. A senior association source vesterday said the organization was confident.

People are not flinching at paying £65 a day for training. We believe there is a big market out there and as the people who are actually doing the job of running schools, we The quality of training oftracts from it to carry out fered to heads by higher are uniquely placed to do the management training.

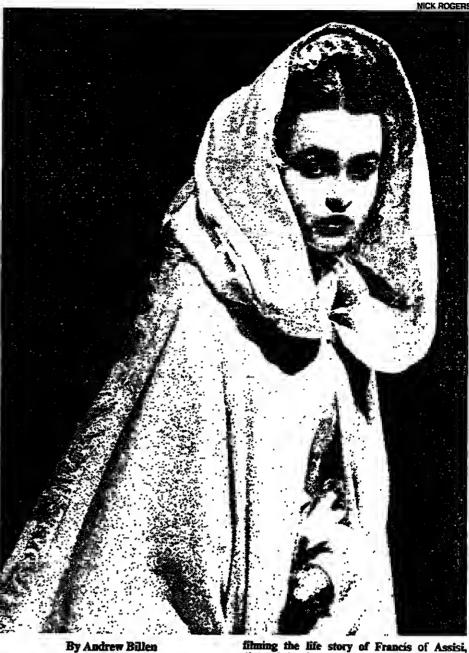
education institutions was training, he said.

The training which the company will market will include video cassettes and work sheets and will be designed for

use by local authorities or individual schools. "A lot of them have oot It plans to have salesmen travelling around the country and experts who will present lectures and seminars.

"It will be a very professional set up - something that oo other teacher organiza-The pace of the Governtico has ever attempted", the

White night for actress | Scots team



By Andrew Billen

Helena Bonham-Carter, the film actress, made her stage debut last night at Greenwich Theatre in an adaptation of The Woman in White. The young British actress has taken the title role in Lady Jane Grey and appeared with Dirk Bogarde in The Vision, a television film, but won most accinim as Serena in the Merchant-Ivory version of E M Forster's A Room With a View. She has just returned from

directed by Liliana Cavani. It is the first London stage production of Wilkie Collins's classic mystery since his own version in 1871, 11 years after he published the novel. Miss Bonham-Carter's co-star is Jane Gurnett, who is to appear as Anna Brangwen in the new BBC 2 adaptation of The Rainbow. The cast for The Woman in White also includes Richard Albrecht, Michael Byrne, Barbara Kirby, Alec

attacked in Maltese 'friendly'

Members of a Glasgow under-18 football team were beaten. kicked and pelted with bricks when a "friendly" match in Malta erupted into a riot.

Three players from Park-grove United needed hospital treatment after they were attacked by players and spectators during a match against Valletta.

Christopher Beattie, aged 18, was taken to hospital with concussion. On his arrival at Heathrow Airport yesterday he said: "We had bricks and bottles thrown at us and one of our players was hit with a child's plastic hike.

"Three of us had to go to hospital afterwards. I had concussion and the other two needed treatment for bruised ribs and an arm iojury.

His brother, Richard, aged 21, the assistant trainer on the tour, said: "It was a very badtempered match and it all started when one of our players was kicked.

"He turned around to shout and their goalkeeper came out and attacked him.

"Then the crowd came on to the park and all hell broke

The match was abandoned.

Evans delay

Det Sergeant Phil Thompson, of North Wales police, was expected to return from Lyons pesterday having lodged papers for the extradition of David Evans with the French authorities. The process is expected to take at least

School fumes

Fifty schoolchildreo were taken to hospital yesterday when they were overcome by acrid fumes from hitumen work oo the roof of the Fred Longworth High School in Athertoo, Greater Man-chester, which penetrated their classrooms.

Passport fraud

Lorraine Merlo, aged 30, an American who forged a passport to try to get Thomas Wisby, a Great Train Robber, out of the United Kingdom, was given a four-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Body found

Police started a murder in-quiry in Whiston, Merseyside, yesterday after the body of Mr Ted Foster, aged 79, a wid-ower, was found by neighbours at his house in Longview Road. He is believed to have been attacked after he disturbed burglars.

Plymouth college to end political ban

ban oo political meetings after governors were told the prohibition could mean the college was breaking the law.

A working party of governors, due to report to the full governing body in February, agreed to draft a code of cooduct for meetings of any kind after hearing the ban could be contrary to the free speech provisions of the Education

Mr Ralph Morrell, chairman of the governors, said that what the meeting had done was to draw up a draft code of conduct, as required by the Education Act, 1986, for any organization which

Plymouth's College of Further Education last night appeared set to end its political or otherwise. This would be put principal, yesterday said the time was to the full meeting of governors in February and if passed, college premises coold be used for legal meetings of any kind, provided those holding them abided by the code.

This recommendation was made after advice from Devon County Council that the ban might be contrary to the spirit and intent of the Act.

Earlier this year students staged a sit-in at the college in protest against the ban. According to Mr Morrell, "sixty students, many of them nothing to do with this college, burst into the then principal's secretary's office and ransacked

principal, yesterday said the time was right to end the ban, not only because it might be illegal, but because political involvement could broaden the minds of

"The experience of managing the administrative and inter-personal challenges of civilized party politics may enable them to mature in the caring environment of the college, so that they are less naively persuadable", Mr Rospigliosi said.

The college has 15,000 students, about 10,000 of them part-time. Mr Morrell had said the unruly sit-in had led to companies withdrawing students.

Parents' anger at drowning

The parents of a boy drowned in a speedboat tragedy said after an inquest yesterday that Liskeard, Mrs Davis, of Lower their son could have been Market Street, Looe, said: saved if a lifeboat had been "My son suffered hours in the launched earlier.

Mr Tony Davis and his wife, Lesley, were speaking after Dr David Bruce, the Mid Cornwall coroner, recorded accidental death verdicts on their son Edmund, aged 14, and his friend, Bernard Butler, aged 19.

Bernard's brother, Kevin, aged 14, survived in freezing cut the service further?" seas for five hours after the 15ft, 90hp speedboat - Department of Transport

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during a joyride oo April 5.

sea. He could have been saved if the lifeboat had been called. out earlier.

"Human errors have been hope they won't be repeated." Her husband, Tony, said: authorities. "If this could happen with the present coastguard strength, what's it going to be like if they

The coroner was told by a described by the coroner as nautical surveyor that the

uring a joyride oo April 5. coal merchant of Watergate, After the verdict at near Looe and father of the brothers, bought it in good faith and it was reasonable for him not to have known of its instability. The coroner said that "stan-

dard unequivocal phrases"

should be enforced in coovermade in this case. I would sations between coastguards and lifeboat launching He said that proper reserve buoyancy standards should be laid down for all boats - and he would take up the issue

with the Department of Transport.

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linking national data bases so

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collating such information.

in the rest of Europe.

I'wo newspapers fined for contempt

Two newspapers were fined a total of £52,000 yesterday for contempt of court over front page articles on a shooting in Scotland.

The High Court in Edinburgh held that the articles suggested a man arrested was guilty of the crime and were in breach of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which bans publication of material which could pose a substantial risk of serious prejudice in forthcoming trials.

The Sun and Mr Jack Irvine, its Scottish editor, admitted contempt. News Group Newspapers, publishers of The Sun, was fined £20,000, and a fine of £2,000 was imposed on Mr Irvine.

The Scottish Daily Express denied contempt. Its counsel argued that the He also emphasized the article did not identity anyone and did

press Newspapers, were fined £30,000. Mr Andy Lines and Mr Derek Stewart-Brown, two journalists on The Sun, were absolved, after the court was told they bore no responsibility for what had ultimately appeared in the paper. Mr George Birrell and Mr Graham Paterson, two journalists on the Scottish Daily Express, both based in Scotland, were similarly absolved.

Lord Emslie, Lord Justice-General of Scotland, said it was clear that The Sun published the article only after "long and anguished consideration" and having taken advice from experienced counsel The court was told that the Scottish Daily Express published after taking legal advice in Manchester.

Lord Emslie said: "We don't know

made about a similar arrested persoo in

"It is perhaps unfortunate, since our system so much depends on the absence of pre-trial publicity, that advice about publication could be given ultimately not by a Scottish lawyer but by an

Lord Emslie said it was evident that the Express's system for legal verting had been deficient.

"We are concerned with the Scottish system of criminal justice and we have already said what one of its cardinal virtues is. That must be protected.

"Therefore those who give advice about what may unperit that system of fair trial should give that advice in the what attitude the English courts would the attitude of the court towards its

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Britain's failure to prepare tried to discourage them from inviting Signor Paolini be-cause of the cootrast he was national plans for future disasbound to draw between

day when an international Britain and the rest of Europe. conference in London was Mr Eric Alley, the contold of detailed arrangements ference chairman, said: "The Home Office did not want Signor Paolini to address the Signor Fuelvio Paolini, the European Commission Coconference but since the EEC ordinator for Civil Protection, has provided us with far more said that other member states had established national plans help than the British Government we insisted oo inviting to cope with emergencies so

In the event, senior Home Office officials attended the He also disclosed plans for conference and met Signor Paolini after his address.

He told the conference that the Community programme to fight disasters "accord fully lacks any central system for Organizers of the Emerwith the spirit of 'a people's

gency '88 Congress disclosed Europe'. They are intended to yesterday that Whitehall had increase the safety of the population while encouraging its active participation", he

"Any initiative in this area is bound to cootribute to the development of a sense of belonging to a community, having regard to the creation of a Europe without frootiers and the large single market of

As well as linking national data banks, the Commissioo is working to establish a single telephone oumber for the public to call in an emergency.

In winding up the con-ference, Mr Alley spoke of the "lack of political will" and the oced to "fill a vacuum in disaster planning" in the United Kingdom.

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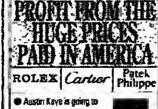
Norfolk Broads to be given protected status

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But there is a feeling in some quarters that the East Anglian flatlands do not belong in quite the same category as the wild hills of, say, the Lake District and Snowdonia. They may be, well, a trifle down market. In an attempt to raise the

On April I next year the Tourist Boards and Blakes Norfolk Broads becomes, in and Hoseasons, the two largest all but name, Britain's elev- boat hire companies, are enth national park, the first promoting a campaign to area to be given such protection encourage what the com-"It has been said that what

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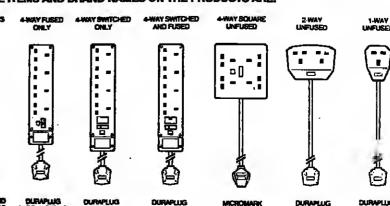
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Sudan talks aim to end civil war

Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, the Sudanese Prime Minister, is to meet his long-standing enemy, Colonel John Garang, the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, at a conference attended by all of Sudan's parties (Nicholas Beeston writes). They will try to work out a new constitution to end more than five years of civil war.

According to the Sudanese leader's wife, Sara, the conference is expected to take place in Sudan, Cairo nr Addis Ababa on about December 31. The move towards a peace settlement comes after the announcement in Khartoum nn Thursday that Sudan's Cabinet has approved a peace pact signed last month between Colnnel Garang and Mr Mohamed Osman el-Mirghani, who leads the co-ruling

National Democratic Unionist Party.

Speaking at a press conference in London, Mrs al-Mahdi said that Sudan's leaders would concentrate nn the key issue of restructuring the country's legal system. The rebels. mainly Christians and animists from the south, have been fighting against the imposition of Islamic laws by the northern Muslim population.

Envoy's son arrested

New York - Mr Nigel Sevan Soobiah, aged 40, son of the Mauritian High Commissioner in London, has been arrested in an international police round-up of suspected Mafia drug smugglers (James Bone writes).

Mr Sevan Soobiah, son of Mr Soo Soobiah, who has been

High Commissioner since January, was arrested in Buffalo in New York state nn Wednesday as police in America and Italy moved to crack a Sicilian-based drugs trafficking ring. Arrest warrants were issued for about 200 people in eight US cities as well as in Palermo, Bologna and Florence.

Miyazawa defiant

Tokyo (AFP) - Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister, yesterday again corrected previous remarks about his role in a stock trading scandal, but he denied reports that

He told a parliamentary committee on tax affairs that his former secretary. Mr Tsuneo Hattori, bought 10,000 shares in a real estate firm, Recruit Cosmos, in Mr Miyazawa's name some time before September 30, 1986. Mr Miyazawa, answering a Communist deputy, was correcting an earlier statement that the aide bought the shares on the date itself.

phase out

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The Chief of Air Staff, Air
Chief Marshal S. K. Mehra,
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cidents for technical reasons. European discoverers.

India plans to Bali outrigger completes ageing MiGs Australia trip

ning to phase out the Soviet-nesian jukung arrived in the designed MiG21 jet fighter, capital of Australia's Northern the backbone of its Air Force, Territory yesterday, the first of by 1992, newspapers said here a fleet of nine small outrigger vesterday, citing a senior de- boats which set out from Bali seven weeks ago.

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The expeditioo was or-The daily Tribune quoted ganized to demonstrate that Air Chief Marshal Mehra as jukungs—made from six-yard saying that the MiG21s, some dug-out trees with two outmanufactured io India under riggers and a small sail - could licence from the Soviet have carried adventurers from Union, had been involved in South-East Asia to Australia in increasing number of ac- thousands of years before its

Rhodes summit reassesses policy in Gorbachov era

West wary despite thaw in Moscow

From Richard Owen Rhodes

Western leaders at the European Community summit in Rhodes vesterday agreed to cement improving links with Eastern Europe, and moved towards European backing for a Nato summit early next summer at which President-elect George Bush could meet leaders of the Western alliance to forge a united policy in response to President Gorbachov's leadership.

"It is high time for a reappraisal," one German diplomat said after a meeting on the issue between Mrs Thatcher and Chancelior Helmut Kohl of West Germany. "We must examine the dramatic changes in Moscow, while not allowing our-selves to be wrongfooted by

Mrs Thatcher was given assessments of President Gorbachov's leadership by Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand, both recent visitors to the Soviet Union.

British officials said West Germany, Italy and other EEC countries were "backing away" from the idea of an aid package for Eastern Europe to bolster the economic reform process and encourage political freedoms.

Mrs Thatcher told the French and German leaders that trade credits should be extended to the Russians on "normal trading terms."

British officials said they had noted "waning enthusiasm" on the

On arms control, officials said Bonn was moving towards acceptance of Britain's demand for a timetable on the modernization of short-range ouclear forces in Europe.

The summit leaders drew up a draft declaration welcoming the readiness of East European countries to develop relations with the EEC "against the background of improved East-West relations".

The declaration laid down the EEC's determination to overcome the division of Europe and "to promote Western values and the Western concept of security". It also urged progress on human rights in the Soviet bloc, more open societies

Officials said the Nato summit could take place in London next June, upgrading a planned meeting of Nato foreign ministers.

In vesterday's debates EEC leaders agreed on the need to avoid a "Fortress Europe" when internal barriers fall to 1992 and to keep the EEC "open to the world."

But there was disagreement nver how far internal frontier controls could be dismaotled in 1992, with Germany and other countries pressing for complete abolition as laid down in the Single European Act.

After bilateral talks between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, Brillsh sources said The Netherlands was

Gorbachov in either trade or arms Conference in Moscow in 1991.

Soviet proposal for a human rights in Eastern Europe and cuts in conventional forces.

Soviet proposal for a human rights conventional forces.

Soviet proposal for a human rights conventional forces. drug pushers and other criminals. Britain sought a "balance of advantage," between free movement and border cootrols, Mrs Thatcher said.

The summit agreed to speed up the passing into law of internal market directives, but left the contentious issue of monetary union and a European central bank for the next summit in Madrid.

On the equally contentious issue of harmonization of workers' rights in an era of cross-border competition, Mrs Thatcher insisted that social issues" must not detract from the main business of completing the internal market programme

Bombings add to pressures on Papandreou

Fnur bomb blasts in Athens welcome by party supporters of terrorism for the European leaders gathered here for the summit meeting.

But to Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, they were the echo of the explosive domestic situation he will have to cope with once more often outraged, com-he gets over chairing the ment throughout Greece. European meeting.

self the Revolutionary Popular Struggle, claimed responsibility for three blasts, which caused damage but no casualties in the European Com-European Investment Bank, and a government-operated institute of management and information. A fourth explosion wrecked the car of an Athens newspaper editor.

The group, in a proclamaimperialist dominance" over Desroses Greece, and called for revoluthat have been shaking the tem that produced them.

A combination of poor health, a conspicuous love has been briefed discreetly oo affair and serious allegations the fact that Mr Papandreou's of corruptioo against his Gov- illness has made him emoerament has undermined Mr tionally dependent on his Papandreou's prestige at a companion, so that her prestime when, as chairman in ence at some functions of the Rhodes, he needed it most.

early yesterday came as a on his arrival here, with timely reminder of the plague banners hailing "the President of Europe" strung across the route from the airport, eventually backfired.

The public flaunting of his mistress, Mrs Dimitra Liani, a blonde airline stewardess, has prompted ironical, and now

The feeling that the Rhodes A radical group, calling it- meeting has simply deferred catalytic political develop-ments that might herald the end of Mr Papandreou's meteoric career was illustrated cruelly in a newspaper cartoon munity office, a branch of the showing the Prime Minister telling Mrs Liani, as they sit oo the deck of a sinking yacht: "Dearest, I have this awful premonition ..."

Mr Papandreou, aged 69, looked ashen and tired when, accompanied by a very tion sent to Greek news-healthy looking Mrs Liani, he papers, attacked the Rhodes visited the hi-tech press centre meeting as a confirmation of set up by the Greek presidency the Community's "capitalist- at the refurbished Hotel

He later set off for the tionary change in the country medieval palace of the to eliminate both the scandals Knights of St John to host a luncheon for the European nation and the political sys- leaders before their opening meeting The British Prime Minister

Madrid last weekend. New paper: Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yes-terday launched his new newspaper, The European, which is planned to go on sale throughusually sober and businessout the EEC from next May Even an attempt to boost like summit sessions should against the backdrop morale by staging a noisy notbe ruled out. Mrs Thatcher Rhodes harbour.



Soldiers patrolling the streets of Rhodes yesterday as EEC leaders met for their summit, after bombers hit four targets in Athens, including a newspaper editor's car (below).



Unrest in the Soviet Union

Kremlin rethink on rights conference

promised to keep her cool.

Mr Papandreou, recovering

from a serious heart opera-

tion, is also escorted by his

personal cardiologist and a

mobile cardiac unit is always

close at hand. His European

colleagues have promised to keep the usual summit ac-

rimooy to a bare minimum to

But contingency arrange-

ments have been made dis-

creetly with Spain, which

succeeds Greece in the rotata

ing presidency on January 1, to be ready to take over in

Rhodes if the need arises, Mr

Karolos Papoulias, the Greek

Foreign Minister, paid a lo-cally unpublicized visit to

spare him any ordeal.

By Michael Evans

Defence Correspondent A senior Soviet official confirmed yesterday that the Kremlin was not insisting on Western agreement for n human rights summit in Moscow during 1991 as a precondition for signing an important ac-cord in Vienna that would lead to critical conventional arms

control negotiations. The statement in Vienna by Mr Yuri Kashlev, the chief Soviet delegate to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), gave added weight to the remarks made by Mrs That-cher after she met President Mitterrand of France this week, when she said that Moscow no longer appeared to be linking the human rights proposal to the Vienna accord. The Soviet change of mind is significant because the con-

ference on security, which has to agree a procedural mandate for new talks on reducing conventional forces in Europe, has been stalled over human rights and other issues, including Moscow's insistence on hosting n key human rights forum. Western diplomatic sources said confirmation that the

Moscow was no longer a Soviet precondition would help to anblock the logiam at the CSCE talks. It is now hoped that the CSCE, which consists of Nato

and Warsaw Pact countries as well as non-aligned states, will sign an accord early in January, possibly before Mr George Bush, the US President-elect. takes over in the White House on January 20. This means that the new Conventional Stability Talks, which will involve just Nato and the Warsaw Pact, could

get under way early next year. Mr Kashley insisted yesterday that Moscow had not shelved its plan to be host for a human rights conference. The proposal was still on the table, and it was not going to be

But he said that Western agreement was not a condition for a final accord to be reached at the European security

'Martial law' in Azerbaijan

By Mary Dejevsky

details are emerging of the scale of the unrest they are leaving behind. Several areas of Azerbaijan, including the capital, Baku, appear to be subject to a form of martial law - which is being widely disregarded.

Baku is administered by Colonel-General Tyagunov, whose office issues reports on the situation there three times n day. Military checkpoints have been set up on all roads into the city, and un-authorized traffic - apparently all private cars - is not

allowed in or out. Non-residents are barred from entering Baku, on the grounds that outsiders have been spreading "lies" to exac-

erbate the situation. The city has been divided into military districts, each under its own commander. A curfew was introduced on November 25, yet General Tyagunny complained that about 700 people had been detained oo each of the oext

few nights. Weapons, includ-

reports of sabotage at mines in the region.

Carefully avoiding the words "strike" and "boycott".

Moscow television has reported that students in Baku south of the republic — an area are not attending lectures, and workers are not at their workplaces, preferring to attend squares. Special arrangements have been made for food distribution and the organization of the city's financial operations on military lines.

Communications have been placed under the command of Major-General Fyodorov as a result of the "refusal" of postal workers to nperate the post and telegraph services. Mili-tary command posts have been set up in the central post office, the railway station, the central telegraph office and

the telephone exchange. Illustrating the popular passions that have been aroused, Azerbaijan's allocation of Izvestia, amounting to 134,000 copies, is being flown in from Moscow. Print-

As the number of Armenians ing knives and guns, had been workers in Baku had refused fleeing Azerbaijan mounts, confiscated. There were also to print it, the newspaper reported, because they regarded its reporting of events

> where there have been killings and disturbances in the past week - has been cut, apparmass meetings in the city's ently because the railway line runs through a small section of Armenia, which has apparently refused to let trains pass. The trains have had to be replaced by special flights four times a day.

Yerevan radio reports of the situation in Stepanakert, capital of Nagorno-Karabakh the territory at the centre of the dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan - say that the city is under tight military control, with troops patrolling the streets in prevent demonstrations.

One report said that an attempt to arrest a member of the Nagorno-Karabakh Cnmmittee had led to armed clashes between troops and

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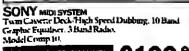


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for a quick mind and a sharp

tongue.

The position of these two

women underlines the acute

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However, Mrs Hussain may

Miss Benazir Bhutto was Party looks set to form the Abida Hussain has now begun intelligence and courage. Both sworn in as Prime Minister of government in the smaller Pakistan yesterday at the presidential palace here, following in her father's footsteps and the first woman elected to govern a Muslim nation.

The ceremony came after a poignant reading by a Muslim coalition is possible between cleric who declared: "Those who have been patient with their lot, be they man or woman, they will surely be rewarded." As she entered the palace with President Ishaq Khan, wearing Islamic green and a pure white headscarf, Miss Bhutto smiled at Begum Nusrat Bhutto, her mother, and Asif, her husband. Otherwise, her face was solemn as she read the oath.

For Miss Bhutto, it is a statioo oo what has been a very hard road, including prison, psychological torment, and the deaths of both her father and brother.

As the guests awaited her appearance, news came that her main rival, Mr Nawaz Sharif, the Chief Minister of resentment towards Sind, Punjab, had confirmed his which may have played a part position with a majority of in the alliance victory in the 151 seats out of 257 in the provincial assembly elections

North-West Frontier Prov-

ince, in alliance with the local Awami National Party. In Baluchistan, where national politics couot for little

and tribal politics for much, a the PPP and the Islamic Democratic Alliance. An alliance member of the National Assembly remarked:

"For the first time in Pakistan, we have the chance to prove that an opposition province can exist without the national Government undermining it, humiliating it, and cutting off its money."
But the PPP will be tempted

to use central power and patronage in order to destroy the alliance in Punjab.

The alliance is trying to defend itself by mobilizing Puojabi sentiment against the PPP, accusing its leaders of being "Sindhi nationalists". However, there does seem

to be a mood of Punjabi

opposed General Zia's Islamito talk of the need to reflect zation policy. Both are, however, in their different ways, in She seems likely to emerge as leader of the opposition in thrall to the traditional values

candidate, Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, has declared that as a Mrs Hussain's alliance has shed much of its Islamic public speaker he does not feel character since the elections. up to the joh, and Mrs Nonetheless, religion is bound Hussain would be the better to be used as a weapon by any opposition to Miss Bhutto's Leader of the parliamentary generally secular-minded govopposition in Pakistan is not ernment. Miss Bhutto for her quite as important as it part, is unlikely formally to sounds. Mr Sharif's present reverse General Zia's two position — so long as he can Islamization decrees.

of the mass of the population.

As she prepares to form her Government, Miss Bhutto is already faced with her first small foreign policy crisis: the Indian arrest and expulsion of the Pakistani military attaché,

and Pakistan's retaliatory expulsion of Indian diplomats. There is a rumour here - which even if oot true. shows PPP fears - that this whole business was engineered by the Pakistani intelligence service to undermine improvement in Indo-Pakistani relations.

Miss Bhutto clearly hopes 151 seats out of 257 in the provincial assembly elections tocrats who have fought to for such an improvement, provincial assembly. But Miss on November 19. Even as their present positions partly despite the pressure from the Bhotto's Pakistan People's civilized a politician as Mrs by inheritance but also by military establishment.

Kim You Hmi waiting yes-terday at the Seoul District Prosector's office to be interrogated about her confession that she hlew up a South Korean airliner a year ago. In January Miss Kim, aged 26, said on television that she By Nicholas Beeston planted bombs on November 29 last year on board a Korean With Libya still supporting particular mentioning the use Air Lines Boeing 707 which exploded in mid-air a few

hours later near the Burmese coast, killing all 115 aboard. Miss Kim, better known as "Mayomi" after the name shown on the false Japanese passport she was carrying when she was arrested, has been in the custody of the Agency for National Security Planning (NSP), the powerful

intelligence organization. She arrived at the prosecutor's office amid heavy security. Wearing an oversize whitecontacts with Libya". and-black tracksuit top over dark slacks, she posed briefly for cameras, keeping her head bowed. She was not handcuffed and once or twice brushed back ber long hair.

After about 10 seconds, she was led into the building hy two women NSP agents. Reporters were barred from following her in, and she did not respond to their questions.

Prosecution sources said Miss Kim was likely to be formally indicted later this month. The Government once considered not prosecuting her because it regarded her as just a "puppet" of the Commileadership in Pyongyang.

Miss Kim could be hanged if found guilty of mass murder, but the Government would probably pardon her and use her case for anti-communist

propaganda purposes. Miss Kim told South Korean television she had re-ceived orders to destroy the plane directly from North

UK warns allies against Gadaffi

terrorism, Britain - backed by the United States - is warning its European allies not to be taken in by Colonel Gadaffi's bid to ingratiate himself with

British fears emerged after this week's visit to Rome by the Lihyan second-in-command, Major Abdel Jalloud, who met senior Italians, including Signor Ciriaco De Mita, the Prime Minister. Italy afterwards announced it would "enlarge and intensify

Major Jalloud said onThursday that Libya was trying to interest Italy in a 15 not changed his spots." to 20-year commercial agreefor development projects. Libya particularly wants to establish a large petrochemical

market in Europe. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, who was io Rome during the Libyan visit, registered Britof Libyan-supplied weapons by terrorist groups in Northern Ireland and Belgium. After Bonn's recent ap-

pointment of a new ambasador to Tripoli, the Foreign Office is also concerned that West Germany may be prepared to improve relations with Libya. The previous envoy was withdrawn in 1986 in protest over the Berlin discothèque bombing.

"We use whatever opportunity we can to make our views known to our partners," a Foreign Office source said. "Our view is that Gadaffi has

He added that Britain had ment worth £17 million to £22 also been approached inmillion which would provide directly by individuals claiming to represent Colonel Gadaffi and seeking to improve relations.

But there is almost no Mrs Lynda Chalker, the chance of normalizing ties Minister of State for Foreign given the history of Anglo-and Commonwealth Affairs, Libyan relations which includes the killing of WPC Yvonne Fletcher by a Libyan ain's concern about Libya diplomat in London and use with her opposite number, of US bases in Britain for the Signor Gianni Manzolini, in raid on Tripoli.

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LONG LIFE WALKING BOOTS

Girl bomber who killed 115 | Clues to sabotage in train accident

Cazco (AP) - Peruvian police are investigating whether a rail crash in the Andes which injured the mayors of Jersey City and Cuzco and killed their wives was caused by saboteurs who supported a national strike.

Transport and police spokesmen said that steel rods were found near the site where the railway wagon, taking the dignitaries to visit the Inca citadel of Machu Piechu, careered off the tracks and plunged down a ravine.

The officials said the likely target was a passenger service. running behind the tourist train which was making an unscheduled trip.

Fleet returns

Suez (AP) - A British naval task force of six ships, includ-ing the destroyer Edinburgh on which Prince Andrew serves, steamed towards home through the Sucz Canal from a Far Eastern mission marked by anti-nuclear protests.

Briton appeals

Huelva (Reuter) - A Spanish judge sentenced Dave Enever. the British skipper of the Greenpeace boat Sirius, to a month's imprisonment for ignoring a ban and collecting seawater for pollution checks. but the term was suspended pending appeal.

Leader quits

Bonn - Herr Bernhard Vogel, the Christian Democrat Prime Minister of Rhineland-Palatinate in West Germany, has resigned the post after his failure last month to be reelected state party chairman.

Mine attacked

Melbourne (AP) - Villagers in Papua New Guinea sabotaged power supplies to the Bou-gainville copper mine, one of the world's higgest, stopping production, officials alleged.

Strike grows

Paris (Renter) - A strike by transport workers that seriously hit commuter services all week spread, with five unions joining action to press for higher pay and 55 per cent of bus services not running.

Ban on Prince

Bonn - West Germany has refused cotry to Prince Reza Pahlavi. son of the late Shah of Iran, who planned to speak to 6,000 Iranian exiles in Cologne tomorrow.

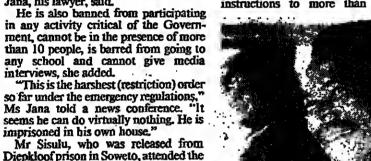
Flights off

Delhi (AFP) — State-run Indian Airlines cancelled four flights scheduled to leave Bombay after pilots refused to fly without ground naviga-tional aids, the Press Trust of India reported.

Police plaudit

Peking (Reuter) - Police io northern China praised a group of more than 20 citizens who fatally clubbed a mugger after capturing him red-handed, the official Legal Daily said.

a day and is required to be in his Soweto township home at night, Ms Priscilla The party's headquarters has issued Jana, his lawyer, said. instructions to more than 90 local He is also banned from participating in any activity critical of the Govern-



seems he can do virtually nothing. He is imprisoned in his own house. Mr Sisulu, who was released from

Johannesburg (AP) — Prominent anti-apartheid activist and journalist, Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, who had been detained

without charge for two years, was released yesterday but placed under

Mr Sisulu, editor of the New Nation

newspaper, is barred from working oo

the publication, cannot leave the Johan-

nesburg area, must report to police twice

severe restrictions.

news conference but did not speak in order not to violate the restrictions. "The Government is trying to fool the international community that has so loudly called for the release of Zwelakhe Sisulu," said a fellow-activist, Mr

Mohammed Valli-Moos The Law and Order Ministry said several other detainees were to be released yesterday, but did not say how

many or who they were. Mr Sisulu, aged 37, has been held without charge since December, 1986, under state of emergency regulations. His parents also are among the country's best-known activists. His father is the jailed African National Congress leader, Walter Sisulu, a close colleague of Nelson Mandela.

• Paper returns: The Weekly Mail. South Africa's leading left-wing news-paper, was back on the streets yesterday at the end of a four-week government

"We're back. We're still strong. And we're ready to carry oo fighting," the paper said in a front-page editorial. • Urban blast: A limpet mine exploded

yesterday outside the offices of the Receiver of Revenue in Boksburg, the East Rand town where petty apartheid is being introduced (Ray Kennedy writes). It caused no injuries but did consid-

erable damage to property. Mr Philip Price, the Receiver, said: "Although I know the taxman is never popular, I think they targeted the wrong place. We are a government department and

operate outside of the Conservative Party policy in Boksburg."

Botha releases black editor but

with harshest restrictions so far

The extreme right-wing Conservative Party won control of the council in last month's municipal elections and has decreed that blacks will be barred from council-owned facilities and forbidden from trading in the town centre. Its moves are being emulated in other towns where the Conservatives have woo



Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu leaving Diepkloof prison yesterday with his lawyer.

authorities to reintrodoce segregated facilities wherever possible.

Dr Andries Treumicht, the party leader, is scheduled to address a public meeting in Boksburg next Thursday.

A black consumer boycott of whiteowned businesses went into action in Boksburg this week. Some shops reported a 40 per cent drop in business. Boksburg has a white population of 86,000, outnumbered nearly three to one by blacks and mixed-race Coloureds who live in adjoining, segregated townships.

The Afrikaans newspaper Beeld quoted a Boksburg businessman as saying: "I voted for the Conservative Party but I did not know they would act so drastically. My business will go under if it cootinues."

Yesterday afternoon Coloureds and blacks flocked to the artificial lake in the centre of the town in defiance of the council's edict that its picnic, barbecue and recreational facilities are reserved

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· Peace snags: Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, and General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, flew to Brazzaville in the Congo Republic early yesterday after serious last-minote snags arose in the peace talks between Angola, Cuba and South Africa (Ray Kennedy writes).

They were due to go there today to sign formal protocol on a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola and the implementation of United Nations-supervised independence in Namibia.

Mr Botha compared the search for peace in the region with drilling for water. "At this stage we've hit solid rock," he said. General Maian said in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, where their aircraft stopped, "this is the time when the pitfalls start to appear".

General Malan gave no details of what has gone wrong, but it is believed they are serious enough to jeopardize months of negotiations in which the United States has acted as mediator and which began in London in April.

It was reported here yesterday that soldiers and supporters of Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebel movement in Angola were crossing in large numbers into the Caprivi Strip area of Namibia.

The Johannesburg Weekly Mail newspaper - back on the streets yesterday after being banned by the Government for a mooth - said it appeared to be a strategic ploy to pre-empt the arrival of the United Nations peace-keeping force, Untag.

Dr Andre Du Pisani, a specialist oo Namihian/Angolan affairs with the South African Institute of International Affairs, described the Unita factor as potentially the greatest threat to ending conflict in the area, rather than the dispute over verification of the withdrawal over a 27-mooth period of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops.

Mr Neil Van Heerden, the South African Director-Geoeral of Foreign Affairs, flew to Brazzaville with senior officials on Wednesday in an attempt to iroo out difficulties over the verification issue. It appeared, until Mr Botha's and General Malan's hurried flight yesterday, that enough progress had been made to clear the way for the signing of the protocoL

This would include a firm date possibly January 15 - for the signing of a final peace accord between the three coontries. It would be preceded by negotiations with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, over the deployment of United Seoul Olympics.

Beirut kidnap victim

Swiss hostage in plea for his life

ern Lebanon last month, yesterday appealed to his Government to meet the demands of his captors as the only way to save his life.

The appeal was made in a brief handwritten note sent to a Western news agency in west Beirut. The letter indicated extremists. that the kidnappers are offering to exchange him with Mr Hussein Hariri, a Shia Muslim Lebanese imprisoned to Switzerland for the hijacking of an Air Afrique jetliner in 1987.

"I am here for more than two weeks now", wrote Mr Winkler. "And maybe I will stay here for long time. I was kidnapped not as a Red Cross delegate but as a Swiss citizen. My Government knows what my kidnappers want from it and it has to co-operate in order to save my life."

In Berne, Swiss officials said the letter was authentic and the kidnapping appeared to be related to the arrest of Mr Hariri, who is also charged with the death of one

Mr Winkler: Believed held

Mr Peter Winkler, the Swiss start in November, but has volunteer of the International been postponed to allow fur-Red Cross abducted in south- ther psychiatric examination. Mr Winkler was seized by

gunmen on November 17. No group has claimed respon-sibility, but it is widely believed that the kidnapping was carried out by Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council on behalf of pro-Iranian Shia

The ICRC, which has withdrawn all its Swiss employees from Sidon, has hinted it may suspend operations in southern Lebanon if Mr Winkler is not freed soon.



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De Loyal soldiers ring army base seized by Argentine rebels

Army, backed by tanks and army helicopter kept watch. heavy artillery, yesterday surrounded an important army base occupied by rebel officers and Coast Guard commandos who on Thursday abandoned their barracks in the second military rebellion this year.

President Alfonsin, who left for Mexico and the United States on Wednesday, refused to change his schedule, but ordered the rebellinn put down "as sooo as possible".

Vice-President Victor Martinez, who is running the country until Senor Alfonsin's return today, had a meeting with the commanders of the three armed forces yesterday to discuss strategy.

By mid-morning the rebels had mouoted a heavy machinegun at the gate of the Army Infantry School at Campo de Mayo, Argentina's largest military base, just out-side the capital. Several young officers in combat uniform, their faces blackened, patrolled the grounds.

Meanwhile, the Army Chief of Staff, General Dante Caridi, ordered the loyal troops to the site. By ooon five tanks were in position, their gun turrets mandos of the 170-man pointing at the school's main Albatros unit, four of them building. Infantrymen sur- officers, rebelled oo Thursday, 1970s "dirty war".

By early afternoon reinforcements, including heavy artillery, had arrived at the school. General Isidro Cáceres was put in charge of dislodging the rebels.

Government officials confirmed the rebels were under the command of Colonel Mohammed Ali Seineldin, a Falklands War veteran said to have supported the failed mutiov of Easter, 1987, led by Colonel Aldo Rico, a friend of Colonel Seineldin now awaiting a court-martial.

Colonel Seineldin was recently passed over for promotioo and not given a new posting for next year - a sign that be would soon be retired. Currently posted to Panama to instruct that country's defence forces, he returned to Argentina on Wednesday, according to a rebel spokesman identifying himself as Lieutenant-Colonel Olivera.

The spokesman said that some of the Coast Guard commandos who abandoned their barracks oo Thursday

bad taken refuge in the school. Some 50 Coast Guard com-

Loyal troops of the Argentine rounded the grounds and an driving off in three lorries with 200 army rifles and 100,000

rounds of ammunition. A young officer guarding the school entrance said the rebellion was to protest against the Army's decision to pass Colo-nel Scineldin over for promotinn. Colonel Olivera, however, was deliberately vague, saying only that the action was due to the internal crisis affecting the Army".

But Senator Juan Berhongaray, the chairman of the ate's defence commission, described the incident as an attempted coup.

Other government leaders linked the rebellioo both to that of Easter, 1987, and that of last January. The infantry school was also the site of the 1987 mutiny led by Colonel

Government sources said "two or three officers" and some other units had tried to join the rebellion on Thursday, but no other incidents were reported vesterday.

Military judges have begun investigating the actions of these officers, one of them the son of former military President Jorge Videla, who is serving a life sentence for human rights violations in the

Australia expels Yugoslavs over shooting



The Daily Telegraph of Sydney yesterday published this picture oo its front page, said to be of Mr Matijas Zoran, the Yugoslav security guard who is at the centre of the diplomatic row.

and declared the entire staff persona non grata after Belgrade rejected a demand for the handing over of a security guard who allegedly shot and wounded a schoolboy five days

ago during a protest. Canberra had set a 24-hour deadline for the surrender of sequence of the Government's the guard, Mr Matijas Zoran, stand. Last year Australian who has been hiding in the building since last Sunday when he is alleged to have fired the shot from inside the stavia, more than double the ands that seriously wounded Josef Tokics, aged 15.

consulate has been under siege by police with a warrant for his arrest. The Yugoslavs were over the guard by 6pm local time yesterday or the con-sulate would be closed and all the staff expelled.

Throughout the day, there were behind-the-scenes negotiations between Camberra. Sydney and Belgrade, but the ngoslav Government refused to back down and Australia was determined to show no weakness. As the deadline passed Senator Gareth Evans, the Foreign Minister, an-

From Christopher Morris, Sydney Australia last night closed the nounced Australia's threat Yugoslav Consulate in Sydney had been carried out.

Yugoslavia was adamaut the security guard would not be handed over, but said that no retaliatory action would be taken against Australian diplomats in Belgrade. But retaliation against Australia's trade is expected to be a concompanies exported goods totalling almost \$A 100 million (£47 million) to Yugo-

trade in the other direction. An immediate effect of the For the past three days, the consulate shutdown was distress for many Yugoslavs trying to get visas to leave Australia to spend Christmas at home. There were emotional scenes outside the building as they pleaded for visas but were told to apply at the Yugoslav Embassy in Canberra, more than 100 miles away.

New South Wales police yesterday had prepared plans to try to seize the security guard during the half-hour journey to the airport. But Australian authorities to give the Yugoslavs safe passage

Sir Joh admits he did not tackle vice

being forced to resign as Premier of Oueensland, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen yesterday gave testimooy in an attempt to salvage his political reputation, tarnished by allegations of large-scale corruption during his 19 years in office (Christopher Morris writes).

Sir Joh, aged 77, was making his long-awaited appearance before a royal commission in Brisbane, where he declared he never dreamed corruption existed, and that be had never accepted a bribe.

Sir Joh did admit, however, that he let allegations of police comption "wither oo the vine" because he did oot know which senior police officers be could trust.

He said he had heard allegations of corruption from two policemen who met him in Brisbane hotel rooms. The allegations coocerned police protection for prostitution and betting activities to which five police officers have since confessed.

But Sir Joh said the Queensland Police Commissioner, Sir

Sydney - Exactly a year after Terence Lewis, oow sus-being forced to resign as pended, had assured him the allegations were untrue.
"I didn't know who to

believe and what was what, he said. "I let the whole matter wither on the vine. The whole episode seemed to be such a tangled web involving women and so forth that I could never make head or tail of the whole

thing."
Sir Joh repeatedly told the inquiry he believed that a trust his chief officers' integrity and their advice.
"If you are oot prepared to

take the advice of your top officers, then who do you go to?" he asked. He admitted that in hind-

sight he had not paid as much attention to prostitutioo in Queensland as he should Questioning of Sir Joh so far

has focused mainly on Sir Tereoce's appointment. Sir Joh is expected to be giving evidence until the end next week, when the inquiry, which started in January, is expected to end.

Miss Egypt contest rouses fundamentalist passions

The American organizers of Miss Egypt, the only beauty contest in the Muslim Arab world, are throwing down the gauntlet to Islamic fundamentalists and preparing to advertise openly in the Cairo press for the 1989 show, to be known coyly as "The Best Girl in Egypt Contest".

Revived in 1986 after being abandoned in the early 1960s under heavy religious pressure, it has been publicized discreetly by word of mouth in social clubs. Even this has not prevented bomb threats and rumours in the universities that contestants would have acid thrown in their faces.

As a gesture to reduce public feeling in a country where an increasing number of young women

are wearing the veil, the chief organizer, Miss Marie Frances, a US television producer, has banned men from judging the section where the girls parade in swimsuits. "We now stage that in a private suite with only women judges," she said.

Miss Frances, who said she was invited to restart the contest by the Ministry of Tourism, anxious to dissociate Egypt's image from more extreme Islamic countries like Iran, has just received permission from the Government to advertise openly for contestants in al-Ahram, the main Egyptian daily.

The Ministry of Tourism are behind this move. They were surprised how popular the contest roved and how much it has done to improve Egypt's image abroad," explained Miss Frances, who has arranged for the finalists to parade

in evening gowns and cocktail dresses in front of a mixed jury in the Nile Hilton Hotel in Cairo.

News that the contest is going to be promoted publicly (albeit under a suitably modest name) has already aroused anger among spokesmen for the Muslim Brotherhood, the most tolerant of the Egypt-based Islamic groupings, which has members in Parliament in the opposition

"I believe the mass of the people will rebuff this deliberate provoca-tion," said Mr Adel Hussein, editor of ash-Shoub, the coalitioo's newspaper. "It will not be only the mosque that will fight against it, but the Christian church as well. Ninety-nine per cent of our people are against Egyptian women competing like this."

Miss Gameela Ismail, a young

heavily guarded 1988 finals, said: "The fact it is being advertised in advance means there will be great resistance to it."

Miss Ismail added: "To minimize the risks of protests from Islamie extremists, the organizers this year tried to compromise. Participants were advised oot to walk in a provocative way or to wear low-cut dresses - but not all of them. followed the advice."

The sensitivity of the contest was apparent from the start in 1986 when many girls walked out on hearing they would have to parade past male judges in their swimsuits. Those remaining had to be taken by bus to a venue at a private villa 50 miles outside Cairo to reduce the risk of disruption.

"The great majority of those

"As an American, I am used to facing up to people with opposing opinions. On this occasion, I am not worried at all," she said. "After the recent scandal involving the Islamic investment companies in Egypt, I feel that public support for the ideas of the fundamentalists is much less strong than it was when we started out two years ago."

tian) Coptic Egyptians as many people imagine," Miss Frances said. They are just girls who can see

nothing wrong in such an event and are excited by the prospects of foreign travel it opens up." Winners

bere are eligible to take part in the

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SIMON BARNES

Counties League (the Edite Edwardses of football) and their deadly local rivals, Chobham. Well, I hope you are reading this sitting down because last Saturday Westfield won a point, their first of the season. They now need only one more to equal their they now need only one more to equal their

record of last season, when they drew two of their 34 matches, losing the rest. Westfield

got their precious point against mighty Ash United last week, lifting them from the bottom of the table. There, enmired, lie Chobham, who have lost all 13 matches. In

the Danair Combined Counties League, they keep the big games for the big days: Westfield play Chobham on Christmas Eve.

he most interesting four-ball of the season was played at Sunningdale golf course this week. The participants

were Mike Gatting, John Emburey, Chris Cowdrey and Graham Gooch, England's cricket captains in this, the year of the four leaders. I rang Captain Gatt to ask who won.
"A state secret," he said.

he last male bastion but one in English cricket is about to fall. After 124 years, all signs point to the

124 years, all signs point to the admission of women into the pavilion at

Old Trafford. The issue comes to a vote a

week today, and there is a good chance that

the required two-thirds majority will be obtained. Chris Hassell, the Lancashire secretary hopes for a "yes" vote because the present ban "causes all sorts of problems

when we are trying to encourage families to

play cricket." There will be opposition: one

member remarked obscurely that with women in the pavilion "it would be like a rugby scrum." And Lord's? "We see no

received a telephone call from Alex

Smith, son of Ian Smith, of Rhodesia,

who is promoting a match that will

effectively decide the football world champ-

ionship. Smith fils is concerned about the

famine in Mozamhique and the world's failure to appreciate the scale of the disaster

caused hy weather and warfare, with

estimates of up to five million facing

starvation. He is raising funds by putting on

a match in Harare on January 15 between

PSV Eindhoven, the European champions,

and the South American Cup winners, Racing Club of Argentina. Smith is over-

joyed at their generosity and hopes for

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produce full lists of statistics - with one

exception. This exception has all its own scores intact, but so far there are serious gaps in records set against it. And the

ore statistics: yes, I can prove by

figures that the reason Glamorgan always lose is not because they are

county? You have guessed it. Yorkshire.

no good, but because they are trapped in the

inspissated dampnesss of Wales. Home

matches on the east Glamorgan grounds of Cardiff and Abergavenny had 127 hours scheduled, and 19 hours 24 minutes lost to

rain, But in West Glamorgan, at Swansea and Neath, of 101.5 hours scheduled, 51.26

were lost. Away, they lost a mere 16 hours of

play. Perhaps true champions lie on the dry

t's a hard life, being the first Soviet

Zavarov of Juventus, formerly with the

player in Italian football. Alexander

great Dinamo Kiev side, has just been suspended after being sent off. The club's

acting president, Gianniero Boniperti, said:

'It would be too embarrassing to fine him -

he earns so little." Most of what he earns

goes to the Soviet Sports Federation. "What

will they say about me back home?"

Zavarov wonders. "I was only ever sent off

there once." To make things more difficult,

he was asked by a pretty girl if he would

mind standing beside her for a souvenir photograph. The picture later appeared in a

magazine with a caption alleging romantic

involvement. Perhaps Zavaraov is coming

emember the underwater back-

stroke: It has just out illegal by the international swimming

organization, FINA. Invented by David

Berkoff, who set three world records with

the technique, it involves kicking off and

disappearing for the first two-thirds of a length dolphin-kicking your way down the

pool. You emerge, hreath, repeat the performance on the turn then race in the

normal way: that, at any rate, is how Daichi

Suzuki, of Japan, won the 100-metre backstroke gold at the Seoul Olympics.

Improper and possibly dangerous, FINA has now ruled, though Berkoff's 54.5 second world record still stands.

stroke? It has just been declared

to terms with the West: he is sueing.

book with the working title The Wisden Guide to First Class Cricket

Grounds is under way. It will be

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reason to change,"

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his is the column that never forgets old friends. Loyal readers will recall Westfield of the Danair Comhined

Canada the 51st state. So, doctor, whence this recurrent nightmare? Well, it doesn't take a PhD in psychology to realize that Canadians' mock horror at the thought of being swallowed by the US actually masks a deep desire for precisely that. They protest too much.

Anyone who has ever talked to Canadians will know their

The row over the extradition of Father Ryan this week has provided a typical example of what makes it so difficult to

avoid misunderstandings and inadvertently to aid the terrorists' propaganda war in Northern Time and again in Ulster, when all appears quiet and one begins to hope there is a chance that people will start talk to-gether, some ghastly tragedy or inexplicable event will provide the heady atmosphere, colloquially called the oxygen, so

loved by extremists on both

sides, which pushes people back into their traditional tribal ad-

versarial roles. The sensitivities of the Irish as een through the eyes and ears of Dublin are not appreciated in London. For us the problems of the island of Ireland appear relatively minor. They are a perpetual nuisance which we wish would go away. But that is not how it looks from Dublin. People there see every comment in Parliament, through Downing Street or the media as big, insensitive Britain breathing down their neck, still dictating in them as in the days of British

imperial rule.

James Prior puts the Ryan extradition affair in perspective

Ulster: no turning back

Whereas the vast majority of glo-Irish Agreement. I hope she ish politicians and people are will not listen to the sincere hut Irish politicians and people are well disposed towards us, are equally aghast at terrorism and determined to deal with it effectively, they cannot always restrain their voluble and fiery temperaments when attacked by London. And of course those who really hate us - and a number do - rejoice in the nourishment we supply to their propaganda campaign.

Conversely, in our eyes, for Dublin to allow terrorists to disappear into the Irish mists is bound to generate anger and exasperation. Nearly everyone in Britainwould agree with, or at least understand, Mrs Thatcher's reaction.

Difficult as these events make

I hope Mrs Thatcher will stick to the courageous policy she embarked on some three years ago with the Hillsborough An-

siren voice of MPs like Ian Gow. The purpose of the agreement has not changed. It was to build confidence in the nationalist community of the North. Not only would there be no discrimination but there would be seen to be none io the operation of the law, whether in the courts, the work of the police and security forces, or in matters

such as employment and hous-

In the short term the guarantee would be provided by joint discussions between officials of the two governments. But the long-term goal was the active participation by nationalists in the government and administration of Northern Ireland. Once the nationalists felt secure in their legitimate interests they would cooperate fully in helping

to defeat the IRA. The Republic, for its part, would improve security arrangements with the North and would also make extradition of offenders easier. How has it worked? Not very

well, must be the verdict so far. There has been an improvement in cooperation on security but this has been offset by the determination of extremists in both communities to disrupt at all costs. So any benefit is not reflected in the figures of vi-

Politically there has been no advance. Despite the obviously enhanced position of the nationalist community, it has responded only lukewarmly to political involvement with the Unionists. I would have hoped the nationalists could have done more given that even Mr Haughey, the Republic's prime minister, has had to go along with the agreement. After all, they were given a new degree of advantage and credibility which the Unionists bitterly resented and were denied themselves.

The Unionists could obviate what they consider to be interference by a foreign power in their internal affairs by accepting some form of devolved government. No one should doubt that Mrs Thatcher is a convinced Unionist but I am certain she would support some devolution and that she hoped this would be part of the outcome of the

Many Unionists, although angry about the way the agree-ment was engineered, recognize that it will not go away and, that, however provoked and frus-trated Mrs Thatcher may be by present events, she will stick by it. For Mr Haughey the agreement has proved too popular to 'rescind and I doubt if he would want to be seen as the saviour of Mr lan Paistey's prejudices. We must not allow the events

of the last few days and a torrid summer to deflect us from the policy followed since the signing of the agreement three years ago. The plight of the province remains very serious. Able young people continue to leave. Older people are saddened but inured to the state of affairs they have valiantly lived with so long. We must not allow such an overwheiming majority of decent people to be defeated or held to ransom by a combination of murder and historical prei-

udice.
Each crisis makes the eventual solution more difficult but in frustrations shared in Dublin and London we should all remember that the only people to gain from a break-up are those who have no interest in peace and no wish to see the island -North or South - flourish, 1 hope that in Rhodes this weekend harsh words will be tempered by that knowledge.

€ Times Newspapers, 1988 Lord Prior, now chairman of GEC, was Northern Ireland Secretary from 1981 to 1984.

Marcus Binney

Preying on the churches

he speed and sudden-Mappa Mundi has been whisked to Sotheby's has provoked an outcry on a scale the chair-man of Sotheby's clearly never anticipated. It may even be withdrawn from sale next week, much to the disappointment of

the salerooms. For the controversy has spot-lighted the unceasing attempts of the salerooms to boost their turnover by prising treasures from the setting for which they were created or designed. Having plundered treasures from the country houses, they are now turning their attention to the wealth in churches and cathe-drals, and to the fittings which form an integral part of most

historic houses. At least a third of the loans to recent major exhibitions of Ro-manesque and Gothic art have come from cathedrals, exciting the interest of salerooms and dealers in treasures which have lain forgotten in cathedral libraries for years.

The contents of churches can-not be sold without permission from the chancellor of the diocese, the ecclesiastical equivalent of a high court judge. Cathedrals are free of any such outside control, but under the new Care of Cathedrals Measure now going through Synod they will have to seek permission to sell any object of artistic interest.

Fortunately the most valuable collection in ecclesiastical hands is the least touchable. The monuments in parish churches. medieval alabaster knights, Elizabethan squires in painted stone, 18th-century mourning ladies together form a national gallery of British sculpture.

Unlike stained glass or virtually any other work of art in a church, a monument is private property. It belongs to the heirsat-law who may be exceedingly difficult to trace.

The most serious threat to a church monument came some 12 years ago when Christie's began to negotiate a private sale of one of the finest works hy Nollekens, the 18th-century artist and sculptor, from Holy Trinity, Wetheral, in Cumber-land. This was a beautiful lifesize statue of Lady Marie Howard, who had died in childbirth at the age of 23, which stood in the centre of a family mausoleum specially built to house it. Once the strength of opposition be-

More recently the parish of St Margaret Lothbury in the City of London was refused permission to sell a fine bust of Sir Peter Le Maire by the sculptor Hnbert Le Sueur, which had been brought into the church when the adjoin-ing St Christopher-Le Stocks had been demolished. In this case the chancellor of the diocese rejected the application because the parish had failed to demonstrate

any pressing need. Unfortunately he did agree to the sale of the fine Rysbrack bust of James Gibbs, the architect of St Martin-in-the-Fields, beside the National Gallery, which had here given to the church in 1986. been given to the church in 1885 by William Boore, an antique dealer and silver merchant in the

Boore had the worthy sentiment that all those who came to admire the church should have the opportunity of seeing a likeness of the man who designed it. But the chancellor took the view that it was a "house" bust and gave permission for it to be offered for sale to a select group of national museums. It has now been acquired by the V&A for £465,000 - a hefty price for a work of art already given to a major church for safekeeping and public ex-

ttempts to sell major paintings from parish churches have also been successfully reapplication was made some years ago for a faculty to remove the fine Flemish altarpiece from the Lincolnshire church of Brant Broughton. This had been part of the collection of the 19th-century incumbent, Canon Sutton, and formed the centrepiece of a chancel arrangement by Bodley, the most inspired of late Victorian church architects.

The parish argued that such a valuable painting could not be protected from theft or vandalism. The chancellor, recognizing the importance of the painting to the church, ruled that the parish should install a sophisticated

alarm system instead. Still unresolved is the fate of the splendid Benjamin Wet altar- piece commissioned to hang. over the reredos of Wren's masterpiece, St Stephen Walbrook, next to the Mansion House. It hung there for nearly half a century and was then moved to the north wall. Some



five years ago permission was sought to sell it to raise funds for the church's restoration but the application was not approved. However, following the re-ordering of the church around the new Henry Moore altarpiece, (com-missioned by Peter Palumbo) there is no sign of West's

With church plate, the position has been far less happy. Sotheby's sold the fine communion silver from St Martin-inthe-Fields for £57,000 in 1970, a

The sale was allowed because funds were needed for repairs. Some protection is provided

by the classic judgment on the flagons from St Gregory Tred-dington in Warwickshire, which the vicar and churchwardens decided to sell when confronted with the need to raise substantial sums for emergency repairs to church's appeal court, the Court of Arches, ruled that such sales should be allowed only when there was a genuine crisis and there was no other means of raising funds.
So far churches and cathedrals have put up considerable resistance to the depradations of the

also true of the fittings of country houses, the other major area which the salerooms are consistently seeking to break into. Fittings which are an integral part of the house ought in be protected by listed huilding controls. Some years ago no less a figure than the editor of The Times was refused permission to sell a painting in the overmantel above the chimneypiece at Ston Easton, on the grounds that it was just as much a fixture as

salerooms, but the pressure on

them is unlikely to diminish.

And as the value of their

treasures increases, the pressure to sell grows stronger. This is

panelling or a doorcase. But unfortunately local authorities often fail to enforce the law in

t Earlshall Castle in Fife, a few years ago, Christie's were able to sell overmantel pictures and tapestries in fixed frames. These had been installed by Lorrimer when he restored the house in the 1890s and were sold with it when it changed hands between the wars.

When Sotheby's auctioned the contents of Tyningham in Lothian a year ago two big rococo overmantels in the drawaing room - part of the original leaving a nasty gap on the wall. The tragedy is that the room retains its very fine 1830 wallpaper, but this has been in effect condemned unless matching rococo mirrors are made to replace the ooes which have been sold.

When the owner of Woodperry Manor in Oxfordshire tried to remove a fine 1730s overmantel showing Westminster Abbey, which had beeo in place since the house was built, the district council refused permission. The case went to appeal and the council, supported by the Georgian Group, won. The inspector held that as parts of the overmantel had to be unscrewed to remove the painting it was definitely a fixture and part of the listed building.

In Somerset Mendip District Council has issued a summons to be heard next February following a hig Christie's country house sale, at Orchardly. The council alleges that a large house in 1857, an elaborate built-in fender and a sundial were sold illegally.

With sculpture the position is far less clear, even when the statues are an integral part of a .. decorative scheme. The main feature of the gallery at Farnborough Hall in Warwickshire was a splendid series of Grand Tour busts, The principal statue of Lucius Verus was a valuable antique but even though it was hooked and bedded in the wall the local authority felt it could not take enforcement action, So the National Trust, which owned the house, was forced to buy them at very considerable expense.

Garden sculpture is often mentioned specifically in DoE lists, and indeed may be individually listed. When Hever Castle in Kent was put up for sale it was evident there was no way of keeping the contents with the house, even though it attracted large numbers of visitors every year. But no less important was Hever's wonderful Edwardian garden, designed round a large collection of antique and Renaissance statuary and architectural fragments. Thanks to prompt action by Sevenoaks council the larger part of this remarkable ensemble remains intact.

English Heritage is now looking for a case where it can test the legislation on fixtures in the courts. Until the 1950s many items such as sculpture and overmantels would have been deemed to be fixtures, and not being regarded as of particular value, would have been included in a sale. Now that we have won more effective control over the demolition of listed huildings, the interiors of houses are being stripped of furniture, paintings and sculpture which are an integral part of major decorative schemes. It is absurd that practice varies so much from one local authority to another. Clearer guidelines are urgently needed from the Department of the Environment and ministers.

Both secular and religious treasures are vulnerable to their growing value coupled with the mounting cost of maintaining old huildings. They need decisive action from the Government on the one hand and Synnd on the other. Otherwise sales which begin as a trickle will turn into a flood.

The author is president of SAVE Britain's Heritage.

1863

Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

At home with Uncle

Washington Whither Canada? That is the question millions of Americans, as usual, were not asking in recent weeks as Canadians lulroney and his Progressive

But should we? I think not. Canada needs us. Indeed it may be that in briefly threatening to reject this obviously sensible treaty, Canada was simply trying to draw attention to itself. The corire election was a cry for help. It was the conceit of the

treaty's opponents that free trade is a nefarious US plot to swallow Canada in our embrace and turn it into a 51st state. It was the conceit of the treaty's supporters that this was the last thing any Canadian would wish. In reality, there cannot be 100 Americans with the slightest desire to make

Their lips say "no, no", but their

cycs say; yes, yes".

combine a deep professed dis-dain for south-of-the-border culture - our crime, our squalor, our imperial bravado, our skeletal social welfare system — with an even deeper need for ap-proval from Americans. They write letters to the editor of American publications at the slightest hint of a slight. They are notorious for their inability to

Clearly they are all torn up inside. They desperately want love but are unable to supply it There is only one cure for this

complex ocurosis. We must give Canadians what they secretly want. We must embrace them. adopt them, love them, annex them. In short, we must make Canada the 51st state. Or, perhaps, the 51st, 52nd, 53rd and 54th states, depending on the best arrangement of stars in the revised American flag.

I hear some of my fellow citizens saying: "Not so fast, huster." Why should we share our flag - the very symbol over which dozens of political consultants fought valiantly in our own recent election — with 25 million foreigners? Don't we have millions of humourless neurotics of our own, in desperate need of teasing, who won't get the attention they deserve if our society is suddenly overwhelmed by Ca-nadians? "Love thy neighbour" is an admirable injunction, but Americans, selfish beasts that we are, naturally are going to wonder, "What's in this for us?"

me that Canada should become the 51st state until Canadians began insisting hysterically, and unconvincingly, that they don't want to be one, now that they have brought it np I can see that such an arrangement would have many advantages for the United States as well. Indeed, the idea of annexing Canada could appeal to Americans across the political spectrum:

 Woolly left-wing one-worlders should appreciate the erasure of any international border, no matter how faint or porous it is already. We are all fellow passengers on spaceship earth, are we not? The merging of the US and Canada would be a great spur to conferences, proclamations, and suchlike activities celebrating the irrelevance of nationalism in the post-indus-

trial age. Oh goody. • White American racists ought to relish the prospect of a vast infusion of Anglo-Saxon stock into the American melting pot. True, there is Quebec, and Toronto has become alarmingly multi-ethnic in recent years. However, most Canadians are still of British descent and have relatively ancient roots in North American soil. In an era when Mexico seems to be annexing itself to the United States one person at a time, through immigration, and people with names like Dukakis are actually running for president, a merger with Canada would add millions of citizens with sturdy names

like Mulroney and Turner, who

speak English with hardly a trace of an accent, and whose native cuisine is virtually spice-free. Free traders, of course, should appreciate the addition of a new market the size of California (in financial terms) to the United States economy. Protectionist sentiments would melt away with the border. Floridians and North Dakotans happily do business together without the need for tariffs, quotas, voluntary restraints, or other economic prophylactics. Now they could enjoy similar unprotected capitalist pleasures with Saskatchewanians. Nova Scotians and New Brunswickians.

 Ecologists, zero-populationgrowth running-out-of-room types and so on would love the acquisition of a land mass larger than the continental United States with one tenth of the population. Our ratio of population per acre would instantly be halved. Those misanthropes who feel that Montana has been spoiled because you can no longer spend a week without running into another human being or three could adjourn to northern Alberta and Manitoba. there to await the inevitable

spreading blight. From almost any point of view, then, the advantages to the United States of merging with Canada are overwhelming. And they want it. You know they want it. Hey, you great, gorgeous piece of frozen northland. Come

to Uncle. The author is editor of New Republic.

ON THIS DAY

What, at first sight, appeared n run-of-the-mill report closes with the words which are still at the heart of every struggle for free-dom throughout the world.

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AMERICA THE CIVIL WAR

... Reports from Moultrie asserted that on the previous day one of the Monitors had her one of the Monitors had her funnel and turret perforated by the Confederate shots. On the 17th four Monitors passed up the channel, but as they did not participate in the firing it was believed that they were sounding to acceptain if there were proposed. to ascertain if there was pass

The bombardment of Sumter continued; 25 shells were thrown into the city from Gregg, doing no serious damage. One of the Federal guns burst at the last discharge. Indications of more extensive operations on the part of the Federals were apparent. Advices from New Orleans of the 14th report the occupation.

for vessels of a certain draught.

without opposition, of Burrille and Point Isabel, in Texas, by General Banks. A chaplein of a Federal regi-

ment who was taken prisoner at Morris Island, but released on Wednesday last, relates that several Confederate officers admitted to him that the accounts of the sufferings of the Federal prisoners at Richmond from exposure and scanty feeding which have recently appeared in the Northern journals are not exaggerated. The crops in the Confederacy are abundant; but, owing to the extreme difficulty of transportation, only an in-sufficient quantity of food

reaches Richmond; the Confederate soldiers being of necessity first supplied, little is left for the 13,000 prisoners in and around found impossible to serve more than one piece of unsifted cornnow reported that the objection of the Confederate authorities to forward supplies from the Northern States for the Federal prisoners at Richmond arose from the use of the word "com-missaries," instead of "commissary stores," in the request for their transportation. The error has been rectified, and one of the prisoners writes that 48,000 rations have been received and

The consecration of the Gettysburg battle-field as o national cemetery took place on Thursday. President Lincoln. Mr Seward, the Hon Edward Everett_ and Governor Seymour were present. Mr Lincoln delivered the dedicatory address, in which he said:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upoo this continent a new natioo conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men were created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether the nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met upon a great battlefield of that war. We are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting place of those who here gave their lives that the natioo might live. and to resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain - that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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OXYGEN OF POLITICS

Political reform is a kind of oxygen necessary for the vital activity of the public organism. Its objective is, through greater democracy in every area of life, to blend the interests of the individual with the interests of the collective and of society as a whole.

Mikhail Gorbachov, November 29, 1988. The torrent of Western-style news that has issued from the Soviet Union in recent weeks - ethnic clashes in the southern republics, an Armenian refugee problem of epie proportions, public calls for sovereignty from the Baltic republie of Estonia and yesterday an airline hi-jacking - has distracted attention from a development which fits more comfortably into the traditional Soviet pattern. The Supreme Soviet has, on a show of hands and by a huge majority, agreed amendments to the small print of the country's Constitution.

Lacking the immediate appeal of news made by events, the constitutional changes may none the less prove the more durable. They were envisaged as the first stage in Mr Gorbachov's programme of political reform. He introduced them, to a perplexed audience, at the 19th Communist Party conference in June; they became the subject of frequently heated discussion when they were published in October; they will now - with a few emendations - help to shape Mr Gorbachov's political system.

The difficulty lies in assessing how different his political system will be from the one he inherited. It is not just that the Soviet leader's ideas have developed since he took office, his original emphasis on economic reform giving way to recognition of the need for political reform.

Nor is it that the ambitious plans outlined in June lost some of their excitement when expressed in the legalistic language of the Constitution. That was inevitable.

The chief difficulty does not proceed even from the divergent interpretations of the constitutional changes made by Moscow and some of the constituent Soviet republics. The Baltie republics dared to make their objections forcefully and in public. That also could have been expected.

The question of whether Mr Gorbachov wants federalism for the Soviet Union, and of what sort, is not to be answered yet. Although small concessions have been made this week to the dissenting republics, the Soviet leader insists that relations between Moscow and the

Union republics are to be thoroughly reexamined next year. There is time, until then, for discussion and lobbying. The nature of Soviet federalism has not yet been finalized.

Some clauses have, however, assumed their final form. Those relating to the electoral system and the new organs of government need to be examined closely.

Real progress has been made in the stipulation that more than one candidate should contest each seat, in the limitation of tenure for government and Communist Party officials, and in the limits to the number of official posts an individual can hold at once. Mr Gorbachov's own statement that decisions made by the new-style executive President will be subject to veto from the new-style Supreme Soviet is also welcome, both as a recognition of the awesome power such a president would otherwise hold, and as an indication of how Mr Gorbachov might use that power himself.

But a statement of intention is not the same as having constitutional safeguards against its abuse. The absence of such safeguards and the complexity of the new electoral system give rise to great doubts about how different Mr Gorbachov's political system will be.

While every individual will have a vote and choice of candidates in elections to a new Congress of People's Deputies, the one-man, one-vote principle is severely distorted. Each recognized "public organization" - including the official trade unions, women's committees and, most significant, the Communist Party will have its own guaranteed number of congress deputies, elected from within that organization. A Communist Party member will thus have two votes, a party member who is also a trade union member could have three, and so on.

Even with its representation thus weighted. the Congress of People's Deputies will not function as a directly elected parliament. It will meet for only a short time each year to elect a new Supreme Soviet, permitting any awkward. non-conformists to be weeded out if necessary.

Only in the latter stages did the fundamental question of a directly elected parliament and the equally fundamental principle of one-man, one-vote impinge on the discussion of the constitutional amendments. The lack of such basic components of democracy illustrates the gap between Mr Gorbachov's "democratization" and democracy. Aspiring Soviet democrats still have many battles to fight.

HORN OF WAR

In recent days The Times has published a series of graphic articles on the desolate lands of the Horn of Africa. For 27 years this has been a battlefield in which Eritreans have pitted themselves against Ethiopia in a bitter war for independence.

The reports have described the commitment and remarkable organisational skills by which the massively outnumbered Eritreans have forced the largest army in Africa onto the defensive, meanwhile constructing, against the heaviest of odds, many of the civil institutions of a functioning state. Neither side, it seems, can win the war. But a political solution will be difficult to achieve.

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The fighting compounds the region's vulnerability to drought and famine. Its victims, direct and indirect, now figure in the millions. Many of them, even within the opposing armies, are children. The Ethiopians are using napalm.

Just as the origins of the Eritrean conflict are intimately linked to the geopolitics of the Horn - both Eritrea and Ethiopia elaim sovereignty over strategic Red Sea ports - its continuation threatens regional stability. It is difficult to envisage a resolution to the civil wars in Sudan and Somalia without peace in Eritrea.

The Soviet Union's role is critical, because it arms the 300,000-strong Ethiopian army, the largest in Africa. This gives it leverage with the stuhborn Marxist dictatorship of Haile Mengistu Mariam, with whose Stalinist domestie policies and refusal to contemplate a peaceful settlement of the Eritrean conflict the Kremlin is beginning to weary.

When Mr Mikhail Gorbachov addresses the United Nations next Tuesday he is likely to reiterate the Soviet Union's newly found commitment to the peaceful settlement of Third World conflicts. Western governments should make clear that they regard this war as a test of this new, positive, Soviet diplomacy.

The West cannot, however, simply dismiss this conflict as the Soviet Union's problem. It is unfashionable to look back to old colonial rivalries; hut it was the British who, in the 1880s, encouraged Italy to establish a colony in Eritrea as a counterweight to French influence

The British administered the territory in the

1940s, Britain was co-author with the US of the plan which the UN General Assembly adopted in 1950. This gave Eritrea full autonomy within an Ethiopian federation. But when Ethiopia annexed Eritrea 12 years later, in violation of the UN settlement, there was silence.

The Eritreans, who had accepted the UN settlement in the belief that it provided international guarantees, have been fighting ever since, this time with the goal of full independence. Ethiopia received aid and arms from the US until 1977, when it dramatically switched alliances: since then the USSR has poured in more than \$2 billion in weapons and military aid.

Last month the secretary-general of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, Mr Issayas Afeworki, made his first visit to Britain, the US, and other Western European countries, seeking support for a negotiated settlement. At first glance, he would appear to have gone to the wrong addresses: the West's influence with the Ethiopian government is minimal. In Britain, he was addressing a Government firmly committed to Ethiopia's territorial

Mr Afeworki's realism should, however, command respect, and action. While he insists on the Eritreans' right to self-determination, he emphasises that the Ethiopians are "hrothers" with whom Eritreans could again cooperate. He is looking for super-power guarantees...

Ethiopia has so far offered only regional autonomy in northern Eritrea. This is far short of a workable compromise, although it would be unrealistic to expect Ethiopia to abandon sovereignty over, at least, the southern tip of Eritrea which includes the port of Assab, its lifeline to the sea.

The best-placed mediator is Italy. It is held in remarkable affection in Ethiopia, despite the atrocities of its occupation in the 1930s, and would be accepted as broker by the EPLF. Mr Gorbachov's visit to the UN provides an opportunity for Italo-Soviet consultations. Italy is the current president of the UN Security Council. It is the right moment to reopen the dossier, on the basis of the UNimposed federation of 1950 - the nearest the Eritreans can realistically expect to come to independence.

COOKING FOR BEGINNERS

Archaeological excavation of a site in southern Africa has yielded evidence that Man began cooking 1.5m years ago. While the study gives no indication of when Woman took over, it largely confirms recent social observations.

Although it is only in recent times that Man's atavistic instincts have returned, the extent to which this has happened is very great. After an absence of nearly 1,500 millennia, the male has returned to his habitat in the kitchen. Throughout the caves of modern surburbia

oo Saturday nights. Homo Sapiens may be seen bent over an open-fired cooker, one eye on the grill, the other blinded with tears from peeling onions. He is clothed in a striped butcher's apron (his wife's present last Christmas) or a green-and-gold job from Harrods'

haberdashery. A casual glance through the pages of Who's Who will endorse the thesis that cooking is now Metropolitan Man's most practised hohby, after reading and walking. Masters of households who might once have dreamed of spending their weekends with Charlotte Rampling or Sophia Loren, now do so with Katie Stewart, Delia Smith or Madhur Jaffrey.

It is now Working Woman (Homo Sapiensess) who, after a 10-hour day in ooe of central London's monstrous carbuncles, reaches gladly for the tin-opener or microwave. On the other hand, her mate (Redundant Man) has already stalked the Indian grocers of Tufnell Park on the hunt for fresh coriander or wild mushrooms.

It is she who turns gladly to nouvelle cuisine, that aggressively masculine art of plain cooking. It is he who takes pride in his béarnaise sauce or the texture of his personal sherry trifle. In that excellent BBC-2 programme, Food and Wine, it is Man who does the cooking hut Woman who expectorates the

The ingredients have changed slightly down the years. Those ancient cooks, according to the bones they left behind, used zebra, warthog, antelope and baboon - all discouraged now in the interests of conservation. They would require some deceptive marinades to make for successful Hampstead dinner parties. But horsemeat, pork and venison are roughly analagous to the first three. Baboon was no doubt very good for a Man's teeth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for calm in Ryan case

From Senator John Robb
Sir, If the British people could appreciate the potential of Irish friendship, the British political establishment might be less inclined to change into imperial high gear whenever Ireland is con-frooted by legal challenge with the most serious political implica-

Before the bitter legacy of Anglo-Irish history and Irish sectarianism the issue of extradition of Irish people to Britain and to a lesser extent to Northern Ireland calls for highly-tuned sensitivity in order to obtain constructive attitudes enabling justice to be done and to be seen to

With a record of unusual, irregular, and inconsistent British legal process as it has affected Irish people it ill behoves a British Prime Minister, in hectoring tones, to accuse Ireland of mishandling Irish legal process before it has been properly initiated.

Had Mrs Thatcher acknowledged, instead, the difficulties of a Fianna Fail government in the area of extradition, especially in the overall context of the particular case of Fr Patrick Ryan, and then gone on to express confidence in the Irish Attorney General's position in relation to the application of *Irish* law, she would have spared him the enormous difficulties now placed upon him hy the pressures directly deriving from her statement. This, added to the incredibly injudicious comments of the British tabloid press, all suggest to many Irish people that, with indecent haste, Fr Ryan can be deemed guilty by inference before any trial has commenced.

It is time to ask whether laws affecting matters which are sub judice are operating. The least Mrs Thatcher can do is withdraw her accusatory statement of November 29.

Yours etc. JOHN ROBB, New Ireland Group, Fountain Street, College Street, Belfast. December 2.

Child law reform

From Mr Peter Riches
Sir, The newly-published Children
Bill is a missed opportunity to
introduce family courts as part of a package of child law reform. There are many welcome individual improvements outlined in the Bill, but the courtrooms and court procedures, especially io juvenile courts, will still be dominated by the adversarial culture of criminal

recently-published study, commissioned by the Family Courts Campaign, showed that ing family courts and may well save the taxpayer money. A fundamental reform of our inadequate court structure for family matters and a proper support structure of court welfare services would be the right arena for implementing the improved children's law. The proposed Bill, without a

family court, will not give families and children the measure of justice they need and deserve. Yours faithfully, PETER RICHES (Co-ordinator), Family Courts Campaign, 9 Wakley Street, EC1.

No fun on the Fen From Dr A. M. Parsons

Sir, Dr Mason (November 25) is wrong in supposing that the Hundred-Foot Washes are discharged at low tide. The Washlands are a privilege shared with the river Ouse, of which the Cam is a tributary.

However, the river waters are largely diverted before they reach the Cam along the Old and New Bedford rivers. The former is controlled by the Seven Holes Sluice, but the latter is not controlled and tidal water might one day, at least in principle, enter the former county of Huntingdon; not that we want it particularly.

Nor do we want surplus population from the city of Cambridge. We have taken more than our quota of that in recent years.

If the Dutch took the danger of flooding as seriously as Dr Mason thinks that we should, most of the population of The Netherlands would be concentrated along the German border. Yours faithfully,

A. M. PARSONS. 14 Woodlands, St Neots, Cambridgeshire. November 26.

Held in camera

From Mr Robin Borwick Sir, Mr Colin Hannaford (November 23) tells us that he has lost several camera lens caps. In common with many other people. no doubt he has left them at beauty spots and other tourist attractions, abandoning them for the owner to tidy up and never bothering to reclaim them.

I have quite a collection of these things. Can any of your readers tell me what to do with them? They are useless (even if washed beforehand) for capping Marmite jars. Yours faithfully. ROBIN BORWICK. Lihou Island, Channel Islands.

From Mr Patrick Young Sir, I have a 72 mm lens. What would your correspondent suggest – the lid off a jumbo pot of Vegemite perhaps? Yours faithfully, PATRICK YOUNG,

8 Lansdowne Walk, WII.

Raising the UK's voice in Europe

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor Sir, John Biffen ("A firmer hand in Europe", November 29) is right to raise the problem of the accountability of the institutions of the European Community. But his diagnosis of the problem is mistaken, and so his suggested remedy is of little use.

The House of Commons might conceivably have been able to hold ministers to account over Community affairs before the coming into force of the Single European Act. But that Act, which provides for a wide extension of majority voting in the Council of Ministers, in effect deprives the British Government of its veto over a whole range of Community policies. It is hardly possible for the House of Commons to enforce accountability when Community legislation can be adopted against the wishes of British ministers.

Democratic accountability over Community institutions, therefore, cannot be secured at Westminster by establishing new committees. If the "democratic deficit", to which a number of Conservative MEPs have drawn attention, is to be corrected, this must be done through strengthen-

ing the European Parliament. When the Prime Minister, speaking at Bruges, declared that "our future must lie in willing and active co-operation between independent sovereign governments, each answerahle to their national parliaments", she was being anachronistic. This Gaullist vision, whatever its merits, has been rendered untenable hy the Single European Act and the extension of majority voting.

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Biffen would be making a more valuable contribution to the debate by putting forward proposals designed to ensure that Community legislation is made properly subject to democratic accountabile ity at Community level. Yours faithfully, VERNON BOGDANOR, Brasenose College, Oxford.

TV reservations From the Chairman of LWT

November 29.

(Holdings) plc Sir, Bernard Levin's knockabont assault (November 28) oo the critics of the White Paper on broadcasting not only misquoted Coleridge (Kubla Khan heard ancestral voices prophesying war, he didn't do the joh himself), but seemed to rely largely on ancestral voices — Morrison, Woolton, Halifax, Beaverbrook, Reith et al. - as evidence of blanket, pious, and misguided criticism by the televisioo industry of the White Paper's proposals.

The facts are quite different. Much that is in the White Paper has been welcomed by ITV - for example, the establishment of a fifth channel, which will enlarge choice and may help to lower the cost of advertising. Much of it (for example, satellite) is inevitable, welcome or not.

ability to make programmes,

fers, will be seriously affected. cheers for the White Paper. Yours faithfully,

Chairman. LWT (Holdings) plc, South Bank Television Centre, SEI.

Romanian honours From the President of the

Sir. The qualifications and experience as a chemist of "Madam Ceausescu, Academician, Doctor, Engineer – as she is foodly referred to in the official Romanian media - have long been a subject of popular derision amongst her fellow Romanians.

sescu's 70th hirthday?

Yours sincerely, IOLANDA STRANESCU, President.

26 Queen Anne Street, W1. November 29.

(01)782 5046.

From Sir David Crouch

Sir, We should be grateful to John Biffen for reminding us how important it is for Parliament to play a more significant role in decisions in Europe. His proposal for a more powerful select committee on European Community affairs is a step in the right direction. The question is, does it go far enough? I do not think so.

The proposed committee would ensure that ministers were subject to more effective scrutiny on Community matters, but to what extent would it act as a check on government? Very little in my opinion. We require institutional reform, not only at Westminster, but in Brussels and Strasbourg as

Two things must be recognised. The first is that decisions on Enrope's future are made in the Council of Ministers, but that body is virtually unaccountable either to national parliaments or to the European Parliament.

The second disturbing fact is the lack of interest shown in the European Parliament by the Government and our Westminster MPs. And that measure of insignificance is reflected by the electorate, which in the last two European elections achieved a turnout of just 32 per cent.

The electors are interested in Parliament at Westminster and the reform we need is to make our representatives there do more than just study Europe in a select committee. They should be in the European Parliament as well, Our future lies in Europe and until we make our members of that Parliament more significant and powerful we shall be failing the electors. Our representatives in Europe, like our ministers, should be Westminster Europeans with a voice in both places, in Westminster and in Strasbourg. Yours faithfully. DAVID CROUCH, 3 Tufton Court, Tufton Street, SW1. November 29.

1960s, were met and overcome by

the insistence on public service

which he oow derides. The result

viewiog, rather than the making of money, as its central aim: ITV

became the only advertising-fin-anced service in the world 10

sweep up awards for its country

from international juries, and to

earn a high reputation for the

quality and integrity of its best programmes and of ITN and

There may well be some "or-chestrated dishonesty" in the present debate on the Govern-

ment's muddled White Paper; hut

it is not coming from those who

insist that it would diminish the

quality of television and "the

privilege of the underprivileged."

Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Sir, My three-year-old daughter

was overheard, in the bath last night, to say: "When you die you have to say 'Ouch".

Sir, It is odd that the Secretary General of the Royal Society of

Chemistry should not regard the

election of Mrs Elena Ceasescu to "professional membership" of the

society as an "honour". Mr Gow's

derogatory view of the body which

be serves will not please its other

Sir, Next Wednesday, Roger Coo-

per, my brother, begins his fourth year of solitary confinement in

Evin prison, Tehran, Since his

arrest neither his family nor the

British Government have been

notified of any charges the Iranian

judiciary may be considering

bringing against him. He is allowed virtually no visits from

members of his family or friends

It is to be hoped that the

improvement in diplomatic rela-

tions between our two countries

may soon lead the Iranians to

correct this ohvious abuse of

human rights. But to remind them

that his case is not forgotten, a small group of Roger's friends and

supporters will be holding a

peaceful day-long vigil outside the

Iranian Embassy in Prince's Gate

on December 7.

Yours sincerely, PAUL COOPER,

December I.

59 Murray Road, SW19.

(about six in three years).

Hilf End, Woodhill Avenue,

Channel 4.

Yours truly, BRIAN YOUNG,

A violent end

Yours faithfully, CHRIS HOLMAN,

November 29.

4 Cullera Close, Northwood, Middiesex.

From Mr Mark Almond

professional members.

Wolfson College, Oxford.

Jailed in Tehran

From Mr Paul Cooper

Yours faithfully.

November 28.

MARK ALMOND.

From Mr Chris Holman

November 28.

From Sir Brian Young Sir. Bernard Levin misses the point. Of course people must choose between different pro-

grammes, as they do now. But between what will they choose? At present, wherever they live, they can choose without special payment between programmes of which many have had more money and effort spent on them than a strictly commercial approach would allow. Io future they could well pay more and receive The previous fears which Mr Levio eites, from the 1950s and

ITV's major reservations are three in number, and deserve to be taken seriously. We are opposed to the loss of Channel 4, the auctioning of or tendering for franchises. and (though this is not part of the White Paper) any increase in the already penal rate of levy, or change in its basis from profits to

These proposals all have the effect of weakening the ITV companies' financial strength at a time when competition is just beginning. And as a result, ITV's popular programmes as well as the programmes Bernard Levin pre-

If the Government changes its mind on these three points. ITV will give three, as opposed to two, CHRISTOPHER BLAND.

November 30.

British-Romanian Association

Since Mr Gow, Secretary Gen-

eral of the Royal Society of Chemistry (November 28) denies that Madam Ceausescu is or has ever been an honorary fellow of that institute, would it be possible that the entry in the International Who's Who (presumably put together by Madam Ceausescu herself or her aides), listing her honorary membership of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, is another skilful piece of disinformation? Perhaps it originates from the same official presidential image-makers who widely publicised in the Romanian media a faked letter of congratulations. purportedly sent by the Queen on the occasion of President Ceau-

British-Romanian Association,

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

Financing care of mentally ill From the Dean of the Institute

of Psychiatry

Sir. Your leader (November 25) draws attention to the rapid decline in the care available to sufferers from schizophrenia, but fails to explain the reasons for this. Hospitals are being shut and patients ejected because the sociological theories of the 1960s. which claimed that schizophrenia was a myth, have been conveniently adopted by hard-nosed Treasury officials and hardpressed general managers intent upon bolstering the NHS finances by the sale of hospital land.

You claim that "The Department of Health is taking an interest, albeit a cautious one, in increasing research into this disease". Sadly, this interest is so cautious as to be invisible. The department's research funds have been cut back and some of that which remains has been diverted

Furthermore, the Medical Research Council is having to shull one of its psychiatric research units (in Edinburgh) and scientists applying to the MRC for funds to research into schizophrenia have become accustomed to being told that their project has been ap-proved, but unfortunately no

funds are available. Prospects for advances in our understanding of schizophrenia have never been brighter. Recent research has shown that the disorder can be caused either by a single abnormal gene or by subtle hrain damage at, or before, birth. It will be a tragedy if lack of support for research prevents us translating this new knowledge into improved treatment sufferers.

Yours sincerely ROBIN M. MURRAY. Dean. Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5. November 28.

From Mr F. B. Carter Sir, The letter from Professor Anthony Clare (November 28) prompts reflection once again on the whole field of mental care. The difficulties the professor cat-alogues at Hackney are becoming nation-wide.

Failure to grasp difficult realities begets this crisis as all others. There has been a running away from a natural discomfiture at the contemplation of insanity in any form. The advocates of the dissolution of the mental institutions have tried to avoid such discomfiture by a pretence that the

insane are in reality normal. To discharge those who can properly cope with the stress and problems of normal living is laudable, but to attribute oormality to the sub-oormal is a kindness bitterest hardships.

The disparate small "community homes" are running into the greatest practical difficulties, and the cost of setting them up and maintaining them is proving prohibitive. Means must now be found whereby the best of the remining mental institutions can be retained, and the burden of care within them accepted and administered with enlightenment by the communities they serve. Yours sincerely, BERIN CARTER,

The Old Parsonage Frindsbury, Rochester, Kent.

Father's footsteps From Mr R. Josiah Pratt

Sir, In contrast to Mr P. D. Palmer's peripatetie great-grand-father (November 28), my greatgreat-grandfather, the Reverend Josiah Pratt; my great-grandfather, also the Reverend Josiah Pratt; and my grandfather, the Reverend James Weston Pratt. . followed each other, without a break, from 1824 to 19t1, as vicars of St Stephen's, Coleman Street, in the City.

The first Josiah Pran did, however, ensure that his fellow clergy kept on the move; he was one of the founders of the Church Missionary Society. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, R. JOSIAH PRATT, Sheepcotes, Chigwell Row, Essex. November 28.

From Mr C. G. Hawkins Sir, Mr P. D. Palmer's letter about the peregrinations, as a Wesleyan minister, of his great-grandfather reminded me that I had a greatuncle who also moved frequently about the country, usually, I believe, at the behest of the

Wesleyan Conference. Some individual Nonconformist churches would, however, invite a minister of their choice. When such an invitation was received, it is said that the minister's children could be heard to comment: "Father is downstairs praying for guidance; mother is upstairs packing." Yours faithfully. C. G. HAWKINS.

High Bank, Summer Lane, Bromeswell, Woodbridge, Suffolk. November 28.

Life expectations

From Mrs Ann Stevens Sir, What is the point in scientists striving to increase our life span to 130 years (Spectrum, November 28) when by all accounts the planet Earth as we know it may only have another century to go (report, November 29), And we can't even safely eat a lightly-Yours faithfully ANN P. STEVENS,

Rosemary Cottage, Dunkeswell,

Honiton, Devon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 2: Mr. Michael Neubert, M.P. (Vice-Chamber-

lain of the Hnusehold) was received in audience by The

Queen and presented an Ad-

dress from the House of Com-mons to which Her Majesty was

graciously pleased to make

reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Darlington Station in the Royal Train this morning

and was received on arrival by

Her Majesty's Lord-Licutement for Durham (Mr. David Grant).

for Durham (Mr. David Grant).

His Royal Highness subsequently opened the St. John's

Centre, Catterick and was received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant for North Yorkshire
(Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt.).

The Duke of Edinburgh,

"Colonel-in-Chief, afterwards
wisted The Queen's Royal Irish

visited The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at Cambrai Barracks

and was :eceived by the Colonel

of the Regiment (General Sir Brian Kenny) and the Com-

Mr Richard Morris presided at

the "Saints and Sinners" Cluh Christmas luncheon held yes-terday at the Savoy Hotel. Sir Peter Miller, Mr J.J. Warr, Mr

Percy Hoskins, president, and Mr Neil Benson, honorary sec-

retary, also spoke. Among oth-

cts prescut were:

Lord Strathalmond, Sir Christopher
Benson, Str Peter Imbert, Sir David
McNee, Mr Jeffrey Archer, ViceAdmiral B T Brown, Mr Alan Coren,
Mr John Dellow, Mr Francis DeVerna, Mr Henry Kefly, Mr Robert
Fox and Mr Mark Hicholas.

Corporate Council
Mr Edmund de Rothschild,
Chairman of the CARE Britain
Corporate Council, was host at a

luncheon held yesterday at Fish-mongers' Hall to launch the council. Mr Christopher Patten,

Minister for Overseas Dev-elopment, and Mr Michael Bowers, Chairman of CARE Britain, were the speakers.

Lord and Lady Underhill enter-

tained members and guests of the International Cultural Ex-change at dinner in the House of

Lords last night. Those present

The Ambassador of Zaire and Mrs. Neskele. the Ambassador of Fili and Mrs. Nalistikau and Mr. Richard Griffiths (chairman).

Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, and Lady Pattie entertained the Friends of Durham School at dinner at the House of Com-

mons last night. Among those

present were: The Headmaster of Durham School and Mrs M A Lang, Dr G M Bell and Mr and Mrs M A Vallance.

Lady Soames attended Chur-chill Songs at Harrow School yesterday. The guests of honour

were Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff who also attended a

reception and dinner given by the Head Master and Mrs Beer

Mr David Slorey, Chairman of

Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP

CARE Britain

Dinners

included:

Harrow School

at the school at

Monday Cinh

Manchester

Appointments

Lord Underhill

COURT CIRCULAR

Luncheons and dinners

manding Officer (Lieutenant Colonel Sir Charles Lowther

KENSINGTON PALACE

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 2: Princess Alexan-

dra this afternoon opened the Avenue Tower at the Caer-laverock Centre of The Wild-

fowl Trust. Glencaple, Dumfries-shire.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

the annual dinner held last night

at the Cafe Royal. Professor Patrick Minford was the guest of

The Saint Andrew's Society of Aberdeen held its 200th bi

centenary dinner on Wedne

day, November 30, 1988. The Traditional toast of Wallace,

Bruce and other Scottish Heroes

was proposed by the Rt Hon Lord Eigin, KT, and that of Provost Davidson and the He-roes of Harlaw by James Irvine-

Fortescue, Esquire of King-causie. Mr Neil Cromar, President of the Society, was in

General Sir Edward Burgess and

Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow

were the guest speakers at a dinner of the Honourable Artil-

lery Company Mess Club dinner held last night at Armoury House. Major S.C. Holmes, president of the club, was in the

hair and Major M. Mullally

RAF School of Fighter Control

A dinner was held last evening by the Instructors of the RAF School of Fighter Control in the

Officers' Mess, RAF Boulmer. Squadron Leader M.D.P. Allen,

RAF, presided and the main speaker was Wing Commander E.W. Ward, RAF, Officer Commanding the School.

Royal Tank Regiment Lieutenant General Sir Antony

Walker, KCB, Representative Colonel Commandant of the

Royal Tank Regiment, presided at a dinner held at Bovington

rate the anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai. Among those present were Field Marshal

Lord Carver, GCB, CBE, DSO

MC, Major General A.S.J. Blacker, CBE and Major General L.A.W. New, CB, CBE, the Colonels Commandant, Major

General N.G.P. Ansell, OBE,

DRAC, Brigadier A.B.S.H. Gooch, Commander RAC Cen-

to Professor A Donnachio, Dr J S Dowker and Professor J M Irvine for theoretical nuclear and particle phys-ics grant 1988-92.

Mr David Storey, Chairman of the Monday Club, presided at The Master Vintner.

University news

Camp on Friday to comp

HAC Mess Club

also spoke.

The Saint Andrew's Society

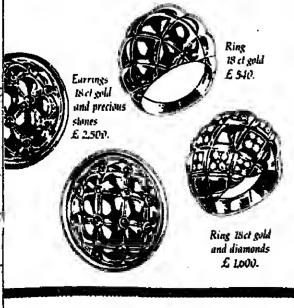
scientist Eva Paucha Smith (formerly of Highgate), who died June 23, 1988, at the age of 38, will be held on Sunday, December 18, 1988, at the Unitarian Church, Pond Square, Highgate. The concert will include chamber music by Mozari and Schubert, and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Eva Paucha Memorial Fund, established at the Dana Farber Cancer Research Institute, Boston, Massa-chusetts, United States.

Science and Engineering Research Council: £101,730 to Dr A lonnide for research into transputer base lactilities for blomagnetic imaging.

Grants

Latest wills Mrs Hettie Jane Hett, of Rhyl, Clwyd.....£303,192 Mr Harold Richard Marsland, of Boston Spa, West York-

£494,371. Mr Sidney George Slatcher, of Upper Boddington, Daventry, Northamptonshire..... £439,773. Mr Harvey John Swift, of Dodford, Hereford and Wor-



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Clifford Longley

A question of leadership

Religion in Britain has a leader-ship problem. Critics of the churches tend to see it as a failure of effective personal leadership, a criticism directed at the style of leadership of such persons as the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, But t is a structural problem. The

His Royal Highness later left style is dictated by the structure. The negotiations to find a suitable body to replace the British Council of Churches have drawn attention to the Royal Air Force Leeming in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, Captain Michael Chitty was contrasting styles and concepts of leadership in the various Christian denominations, and December 2: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of The Society of Engineers, this afternoon opened the Seminar, "Engineerthe near impossibility of ing Consultancy — The Way Forward", at The Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, London SWI.

One of the proposals taking shape is for something like a national caucus of church leaders, which would act as a corporate centre of Christian leadership spanning all the major denominations. But in trying jor denominations. But in trying to reconcile so many different views and interests, there is an obvious danger of producing something so large, unwieldy and out of focus that it will not and out of focus that it will not actually be able to lead at all.

The present president of the British Council of Churches is the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. This is not an ex officio appointment, but arises from a consenses among the Anglican and Free Church members of the council that he is members of the council that he is an acceptable visible figurehead. Without them being so rude as to say so, be would not be so easily accepted in such a role by the Roman Catholic community, which is why an ad hoc triumvi-

rate, the Archbishop of Canter-bury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Mod-erator of the Free Church Federal Council, has emerged in practice, to make public statements or sign letters to The Times, when occasion deman That threesome ought really to be at least a foursome, with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; or even a fivesome, with the Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain, leader of the substantial Greek Orthodox community. But as soon as it starts to expand to that size, the question is bound

to be asked why the Pres

Birthdays

Mr Mel Smith, 36

Today: The Marquess of Ailsa

63; Mr Leslie Ames, cricketer, 83; Mr Walter Anderson, trade

sor Ian Butterworth, principal,

Queen Mary College, 58; Mr Charles Craig, lenor, 68; Mr Mike Gibson, rugby player, 46; M Jean-Luc Godard, film direc-

tor, 58: Sir William Harpham,

diplomat, 82; Professor G.S. Kirk, former professor of Greek, 67; Mr Franz Klammer, skier,

35; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch,

theatrical designer, 74; Air Mar-shal Sir Douglas Morris, 80; the Rev Professor C.F.D. Moule, theologian, 80; Mr Paul Nicho-

las, singer and actor, 43; Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, artist, 80; Mr Andy Williams, singer, 58; Mrs K.M.I. Wilson, former chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ire-

Tomorrow: The Marchioness of Anglesey, 64; Licutenant-Colo-nel Sir Simon Bland, royal equerry, 65; Mrs Ann Chris-

equerry, 65; Mrs Ann Christopher, sculptor, 41; Mr Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 58; Mr Hywel Davies, jockey, 33; Judge Head, 65; Miss Gemma Jones, actress, 46; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, former principal, Westfield College, 74; Mr Richard Meade, three-day eventer, 50; Mr W.N. Menzies-Wilson, former chairman, Ocean Trans.

50; Mr W.N. Menzies-Wilson, former chairman, Ocean Transport and Trading, 62; Miss Yvonne Minton, mezzo-so-prano, 45; Professor Brian Morris, principal, St David's University College, Lampeter, 58; the Earl of Rodden, 79; Mr AL.

Rowse, historian, 85; Miss Pam-cla Stephenson, actress, 38; Mr

J.C. Trewin, drama critic and author, 80; the Rev Professor C.J.M. Weir, former professor of Hebrew and Seminic lan-guages, 91.

ember 30. Lord Pym. Chairman of the English-Speaking Union

Lecture

esent were

excinded; and so on. It soon becomes impossible.

A possidential committee that it ng of all the leaders of all the churches participating in the post-British Council of Chur-

thes process would be enormous.
The Cardinal Archbishop of
Westminster, for instance, cannot speak for the Roman Catholics of Scotland; and the Archbishop of Canterbury cannot speak for the Anglicans of Scotland and Wales. And there are some 30 smaller churches involved.

The various groupings of the Black churches have no agreed leader, and would need two or three to feel properly repre-sented. And in some denomina-tions, lay members would not necessarily accept that a cleric can speak for them, and would want their own representation. What such a hypothetical group begins to look like, in fact, is the British Council of Churches. In hierarchical churches such In hierarchical churches such as the Anglican, Orthodox or Roman Catholic Church, personal leadership is emphasized:

sonal leadership is emphasized and the classic and ultimate cas is the papacy. The "lower" and more Protestant a church, the less it will like the idea of personal leadership, and the more it will emphasize that the only voice with any authority is ne voice of the whole assembly. The belief that an assembly of Christians has an authority of its own, a characteristic belief of Presbyterianism, was carried over intact into the ecumenical movement to give authority to such bodies as the assemblies of the British and World Councils resolutions of the British Council of Churches were regarded though in practice with varying degrees of enthusiasm — as having weight, over and above the weight contributed by the member churches themselves. or expecting to be seen, as "speaking for and on behalf of" something important, even though the member churches would rarely have been coo-The council was somehow seen, sulted in advance.

Dr R. Mmolani

Mr S. Beddow and Miss L. Henry

83; Mr Walter Anderson, trade unionist, 78; Mr Trevor Bailey, cricketer, 65; Mr Ralph Bennett, former chairmao, Loodon Transport Executive, 65; Professor Lap Butterworth principal

Hertfordshire.

Wales, Australia.

Mr N.N. Compover

Miss R.A. Carter and Mr C.W. Hotchings

The engagement is announced of Ruth Aliyson, only daughter of Jack and Val Carter, of Magill, Adelaide, South Austra-

lia, to Craig Walter, younger son of Mrs Jean Hutchings, of South Coogdee, Sidney, New South

Mrs Muriel Field of London, is

pleased to announce the engagemeni between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Cournoyer, of Massachusetts, and Stephanie, daughter of Mrs

and Miss E.A. Bryant
The engagement is announced
between Jasper, youngest son of
Major and Mrs K. Duncan, of
Melton Constable, Norfolk, and
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr R.
Bryant, of Broadwindsor and
Mrs R. Powell, of Poole, both in

Field and Mr A.E. Field.

Mr J.N.K. Duncan

Captain R.J. Dykes

and Miss E.A. Bryant

and Dr J.L.M. Belland

The engagement is announced between Rajesh, elder son of Mr

and Mrs B.R. Munglani, of and Mrs B.R. Mungiani, or Northwood, Middlesex, and Jane, youngest daughter of Sir Edwin and Lady Bolland, of Godden Green, Sevenoaks.

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Beddow, of

Cheltenham, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Henry, also of Cheltenham, and the late

The engagement is announced between Edward, twin son of Mr

Mrs June Henry. Mr E.F. Campbell-Gray and Miss L.J. McCormick

of personality, and change their head man every year, precisely to prevent such "prelacy". The price of such purity, however, is that moderators and presidents are never around long enough to become known and familiar. They lack popular visibility, and therefore lack popular authority. To some extent this is the

broadcasters are not going to change their ways. If public leadership is to be exercised beyond the confines of a particular denomination, it will necessarily have to be done on terms set by the needs of the mass media. While in practice that is likely to be the last of the churches' concerns, it is on such And this is the fundamental considerations that the success reason the Roman Catholic of the venture will depend.

Captain A.J. Dunn, RN and Mrs C.D. Serby

The engagement is announced between Tony Dunn, of West Ashling, Chichester, and Kay Serby, of Berden, Bishop's Stortford.

Mr T.L. Gosling and Miss E.G. Hocking The engagement is announced

between Tom, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Gosling, of Epsom,

Surrey, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr P.Hocking, of

Mrs G. Knighl-Adams, of Tredington, Warwickshire.

The engagement is announced

between Simon Mark, only son of Reverend and Mrs Malcolm

Dr Timothy Morgan and Miss

Helen Brown, of Northamptoo-shire, are delighted to announce

that they are engaged to be married. The marriage will take

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Captain R.H. Norman, CBE, RN, and Mrs Norman, of Faversham, Kent, and Felicity

Shan, eldest daughter of the Reverend P.R.C. Abram, CF,

and Mrs Abram, of Shrewsbury,

The engagement is announced between Richard Alastair, elder

son of Mr and Mrs James Stokes, of the Old Barn, North

Blowham, Somerset, and Gaynor Emma, only daughter of

Mr and Mrs Barrington Evans, of Coombe Farm, Tenterden,

Marriage

TOMORROW: Births: John

Mr S.M. Goodall and Miss A.M. Sandwith

Maryport Cumbria.

and Miss H. Brown

place in March.

Shropshire.

Dr P.S.R. Norman and Miss F.S. Abram

Mr R.A. Stokes and Miss G.E. Evans

Dr T. Morgan

has gradually realised that it shared them too. They gave a hasis to the creeping Anglican suspicion that the British Comcil of Churches did not really represent anyone.
The embrionic structures to

replace the British Council of Churches, still prosaically called "ecumenical instruments", are not intended to be invested with such collective authority. Nevertheless the wish for a council of church leaders to head it, a body able to command the headlines, brings the question of neatmes, or mgs the question of authority back on stage again. The Roman Catholics have been insisting that it could speak only on behalf of the individuals

who composed it, and its collec-tive authority would therefore be no more than the sum total of the various degrees of personal au-thority possessed by the individ-nal church leaders. But if it is have any influence, the sum will have to be greater than the parts, regardless of such theological reservations. It will have to have a name; it will have to have an a name; it will have to have an identity the public can grasp.

Leadership as popularly understood demands recognizable and familiar figures, such household names as Basil Hume and Robert Runcie. But the Free churches do not like such cuits of personality, and change their head man every year, mecisely

To some extent this is the media's problem rather than the churches'; but journalists and

paint. She was one of the greatest **Forthcoming marriages**

OBITUARIES

MARGARET MEE

Explorer and painter of Amazon flora

Margaret Mee, the renowned botanical artist, was killed in a car crash near Seagrave in Leicestershire on November 30. She was 79.

For some years she had lived in Brazil but had returned to her native England (she was born near Chesham in May 1909) to open an exhibition of her Amazon paintings at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and for the publication of In Search of the Flowers of the Amazon Forests, edited by Tony Morrison. This was combined with a substantial lecture tour.

Artist, adventurer, explorer, botanist and rainforest conservationist are some of the ways of describing a remarkable woman who spent the last 36 years painting the Amazon flora.

In 1956, at the age of 47, the already accomplished artist made her first Amazon expedition to observe, collect and paint the flowers of the region. Thus began a series of 15 expeditions, the last of which was in May of 1988, successfully to fulfil her dream to paint the flowers of the rare, night-flowering moonflower cactus that grows along the Rio Negro and flowers for only one day a year.

It was an inspiring sight to watch this frail-looking woman setting out on an expedition in a dugout canoe with only one Indian guide. She experienced many hardships and deprivations on expeditions hut always returned full of enthusiasm and with many notebooks of sketches, as well as plant specimens to grow carefully in her home in Rio de Janeiro until they produced flowers to

women explorers of this century. She became known beyond the hotanical community and Brazil when, in 1968, she published a beautiful folio book of her paintings entitled "Flowers of

the Brazilian Forests," to be followed by another in 1980, 'Flowers of the Amazon.' Her paintings are distributed around the world in

botanical institutions, private and public collections. She fell in love with the Amazon ecosystem as she studied and painted its flora. However, the period during which she worked coincided with the decades of development and destruction of the Amazon rainforest. Con-sequently, Margaret Mee became one of the leading defenders of rainforests and her recent lectures always bore a strong conservation message, born out of a deep understanding of the complex

The last two months of her life had brought great acclaim. Nobody who attended her lecture to the Royal Geo-

reminiscences by this great explorer.

Fortunately, her diaries were published last month under the title "In Search of Flowers of the Amazon For-ests" (Nonesuch Expeditions). This book is an appropriate memorial since it contains many of her recent paintings and sketches, as well as her own fascinating text.

In addition to her husband. Greville, she leaves behind numerous friends from the various fields in which she was involved, including many of the world's most renowned artists and botanists.

The recently formed Margaret Mee Amazon Trust exists to provide scholarships for young Brazilian botanists to study in the U.K. and to purchase her collection of Amazon paintings for permagraphical Society last Novem-ber 7 will ever forget that Botanic Gardens, Kew. nent deposit at the Royal

SIR PETER DIXON

Building up RAF's peace-time medical services

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Peter Dixon, KBE, who rebuilt the Royal Air Force's surgical expertise after the Second World War, died on November 22, at the age of 81.

It was as the Senior RAF Surgeon in the early 1950s that he tackled the hig task following the retirement of the experienced wartime cadre, which had naturally included eminent consultants from Goodall, of Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, and Alisa Mary, only daughter of William Sandwith and Maureen, of civilian life.

He showed a particular from 1952 till 1966. knack of picking good men talents were used to the best advantage. He recruited surgeons with fellowships of the relevant Royal Colleges and then helped them to build up their own teams. He also fidence of his patients and tables the relevant Royal Colleges and readily gained the contact of the was appointed civil consultant in surgery to the RAF.

foundation of the concept of higher professional training in the Medical Services. During the Second World

War Dixon served in Aden, Normandy and the South-West Pacific and was mentioned in despatches. He was honorary Surgeon to King George VI from 1949 to 1952 and then to the Queen

opthalmology before becom-

ensured that up-and-coming respect of colleagues; but he RAF surgeons were taught to was also firm and determined, fellowship standard within the As a general surgeon he was Service. This was to become a both skilled and versatile while providing an admirable "second opinion."

In the 1950s he also started developing close links between the RAF Medical Services and the Westminster Hospital (through Sir Stanford Cade) and with the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst for the practise of oncology in the RAF.

When he was appointed Dixon, who was born in Senior Consultant (RAF) Dixon brought his demand for confidence in order that their bourne University, had begun high professional standards talents were used to the best his professional career in and training to bear in all disciplines of the RAF Medi-

REAR-ADMIRAL GEORGE LESLIE Two careers - naval and academic

mund Hall, Oxford, from 1970 until last September, who died on November 14 at

the age of 68, had been the doyen of Oxford Domestic Bursars.

During the 1939-45 War he saw service in the North Atlantic and Arctic areas, serving on a succession of destrovers. After the war he had a spell

as executive officer at the

1960s he commanded a number of ships, including HMS Devonshire, the first of Britguided-missile ain's destroyers.

On his promotion to flag rank in 1967 he was for a year president of the Admiralty Interview Board and for two and domestic life of St Edyears prior to his retirement in mund Hall during a prolonged capacities at NATO headquarters in Brussels.
"Geordie", as he was famil-

Rear-Admiral George Royal Naval College, Dartiarly known, was a Highland mouth, and in the 1950s and Domestic Bursar of St Ed
Royal Naval College, Dartiarly known, was a Highland mouth, and in the 1950s and 1960s he commanded a num
at Uppingham and had enat Uppingham and had entered the Navy in 1938.

> After leaving the service Leslie made the transition to a second career at Oxford with zest and enthusiasm. It fell to him to oversee the buildings 1970 he served in various period of growth and change. He is survived by his wife. Margaret, a son and three daughters.

Memorial services

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Mr Paul Williams. The Duke of St Albans
The Lord Mayor of Westminster was represented by Mr
Robert Flach at a service of Robert Flach at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Duke of St Albans held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by Father Jean Charles-Roux and the Rev Royston Beal. The Duke of St Albans, son, read the lesson and the Earl of Burford, grandson, read from the works Mr Justice Hazan The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, and the Lord Chief Justice attended a memorial service for Mr Justice

Hazan held on Thursday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev Felix Boyce officiated. Sir Edward Eveleigh, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, read the lesson and Mr Peter Feinberg said the Hebrew Kaddish. Mr H.M. Self, QC, gave an address. The Recorder of London was represented by the Common Ser-jeant. Among others present: jeanl. Among others present:
Mrs O N Zeitin tester). Mr and Mrs Derek Zeitin. Mr and Mrs A Robson. Dr R.S. Kagan. Mrs Barbara Cork and other Mrs Barbara Cork and other members of the family. Lord Roskill. Lord Brightman. Lady Eveleigh. Lord Justice Balcombe. Sir Denys Bucidey. Lord Justice Dillon. Sir Robert Megarry. Lord Justice Parker. Lard Justice Walkins. VC. Lord Staffe Taylor, Lord Justice Parker. Lard Justice Walkins. VC. Lord Staffe Taylor, Lord Justice Rinan Hutton (Lord Chief Justice In Northern Ireland). Mr Justice and Ledy Michael Davies. Mr Justice Drake. Mr Justice Drake. Mr Justice Drake. Mr Justice Drake. Mr Justice Marman. Mr Justice Potts. Mr Justice Harman. Mr Justice Potts. Mr Justice Millett. Mr Justice Potts. Mr Justice Millett. Mr Justice Sand Lady Wood. Goulding, Mr Justice Rose. Mr Justice McMinner.

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A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Professor Charles Grant
Clark was held yesterday at the
University Church of Christ
The King, The Rev Trevor
Morley officiated, Sir James
Lighthill, Provost of University
College London, and Professor
D.V.I. Fairweather, Vice-Provost and Head of the University vosi and Head of the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, read the lessons. Professor H.A.F. Dudley of St Mary's Hospital, gave an ad-

dress. Among those present: Mrs Clark (widow), Mr she Mrs H
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Appens R.J. Dykes
and Miss K.A.A. Wood
The engagement is announced and Miss K.A. Menzies
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Captain and Mrs John Dykes, of November 11, 1988, al Lenzie
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Valuation and Mrs John Malacine and Malacine Emsworth, Hampshire, and Union Parish Church of Colin Kathryn, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith A. Wood, of Malcolm, eldest son of Mr Southsea, Hampshire. The marriage will take place in Portsmouth on March 18, 1989.

November 11, 1988, al Lenzie November 11, 1988, al Lenzie Lenzie 1988, or November 11, 1988, al Lenzie 2000 al Lenzie 1988, al Lenzie 2000 al Le **Anniversaries** noir, Cagnes, France, 1919; Dame Mary Gilmore, poet, 1962.

TODAY: Births: Robert Bloom-field, poet, Honington, Suffolk, 1706; Samuel Crompton, in-ventor of the spinning mule, Firwood, Lancs, 1753; Sir Row-English-Speaking Union Charchill Lecture Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, Provost of Oriel College, delivered the 1988 Churchill Lecture at Guildhall, on Wednesday, Nov-Firwood, Lanes, 1753; Sir Row-land Hill, originator of the penny post, Kidderminster, 1795; Frederick Leighton, Bar-on Leighton, president of the Royal Academy 1878-96, Scar-borough, 1830; Joseph Conrad, Berdichev, Russia, 1857; Anton von Webern, composer, Vienna, 1883; Rajendra Prasad, first president of the Republic of India, 1950-63, Zeradei, Bihar, 1884. of the Engish-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth presided and Sir John Leahy gave the vote of thanks. Guests were received at a reception afterwards by Sir Alistair Frame, Chairman of R.T.Z. Also

Deaths: Francis Xavier, missionary, Shang-chuan, 1552; Robert Louis Stevenson, Samoa, 1894; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of The Church of Christ, Scientist, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1910; Pierre Re-

TOMORROW: Births: John Cotton, religious leader in America, Derby, 1585; Thomas Carlyle, Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, 1795; Samuel Butler, author of The Way of All Flesh, Langary Rectory, Notts, 1835; Edith Cavell, Swarderton, Norfolk, 1865; Rainer Maria Rilke, page 1875; Ratharine. poet, Prague, 1875; Katharine Susannah Prichard, novelist, Levuka, Fiji, 1883; Sir Herbert Read, poet and critic, Kirby-moorside, Yorks, 1893. Deaths: Armand Jean, Duc de Richelieu, cardinal and states-man, Paris, 1642; William Drummond of Hawthornden, poet, Hawthornden, Lothian, 1649; Thomas Hobbes, philosopher, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; John Gay, poet, London, 1732; Luigi Galvani, physician and physicist, Bologna, 1798; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, prime minister 1812-27, London, 1828; Stefan George, poet, Minusio, Switzerland, 1933; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, Aldeburgh, 1976. Drummond of Hawthornden,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

See. I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and in throw down and build and to plant.

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ALLEN - On Tuesday November 22nd. 1988. In Hong Kong. to Nick and Fely, a daughter. Jennifer Claire. CHARLTON On November 22md
1988, to Elsen (née Hurley) and
Warwick Alexander (Alex), 2 ton
Alexander Randal. A Grandson for
Martlyn (née Russeil) and Warwick
Michael John and for Marie and the
late Brian Hurley. FORTE - On December 1st 1988, to Allai (nee Ricci) and Rocco, a daughter, freme, a sister for Lydia. ADMINES On November 23 1988, to Assembly (new Wesley) and Guy, a daughter, Madeinine Sophie Louise.

NING On December 2nd to Matilda take Ospenheimer) and Nell, a daughter, Hannah Magdalen, a sister for Dorothy. USENT - On November 20th, to Catherine (née Hinjon) and Robert, a darling son, John (Jack) Jacob Choffery Hinton, a brother for Lucy anti Joseph. Le MAY - On December 2nd at, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née McCormack) and Malcolm, a son,

Moles J.AM - On November 30th, to Moles (née Damer) and Bill, a daughler, Hannah Katy. RECORE - On December 1st, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, to Anne (née Drysdale) and Peter Moore, a son. PREES - On December 2nd 1988, to Elizabeth (née Bhyth) and David, a son, Luke. First grandson for Dot and Phil and Don and Myfanwy.

PRINCEK - On December 1st 1988, to Lots (née Hogben) and Jamie, a daughter, Harriott Elizabeth Kirsten. PUEYO - On November 28th, 1988 in Alcantz. Spain to Carotine (née Carter) and José, a son. David Angel. RIK - On December 1st, in Karen (no Young) and Bernard, two sons Jacob Otto and Gideon Joseph brothers for Hamnah. Many thenic to the team at Hammersynin Hospital. TEDBURY - On November 28th, to Loveday (Shewell) and Stephen, a

WHITE - On October 18th 1968, in Maltun, France, in Jill Onée Kemp) and Malcohn, a daughter, Katherine Jace, a sister for David.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

et.Ass.MACLEOD - On December 3rd, 1938, at Chelesa Old Church, Route to Norma

SPENCE-SUMMERFORD - On December 3rd 1938 at St. Mary's Church, Hayling Biend, Donald to Margaret. With congratulations and love from all the family. Now at Lower Farm Orchard, Preston Crowmarsh, Oxford OX9 6SL.

DEATHS

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BANKART On November Soin, in her Soin year, Zoe, wife of the late Edward Bankart and dearly loved godmother, cousin and friend. Funeral at Hoty Trinity Church, Brainley on Tuesday December 6th at 2.150m. Flowers or donations for the Alzheimers Disease Society to J Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 55 Here Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey, Tel (04868) 6403.

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BLARR - On November 30th, peacefully in Hospital Isabel indeg Senders). Devoted write of Neville and lowing mother of Juliet and Christina and very special grandmother of seven. Cremation at Pumey Vale Friday December 9th at 3pm. No letters or flowers please. Donations if desired in The Samaritans.

BROWN - On November 29th at home, Donald Ross Brown, well known to those involved in the Petroleran industry. Dearty loved widover of Annie, father of hene and grandfather of Fran cois and Mehdi. Service at Putney Vale Cremstonium on Tuesday, December 6th at 29th, No flowers please, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, Enquiries to, W. Garstin D1-935 4868.

DEASLEY - On December 1st.
peacefully at borne, Frank Anthony,
beloved husband of Brity. Private
cresistion, family only. No flowers
https://doi.org/10.1009/1 ELLIOTT - On November 29th, William, deeply loved by all who knew him and enjoyed bis company, especially Annie, Jane, Clore, Ian and Louise, We will never forget.

and Louise. We will never forper.

@MBDONS - On December 2nd.
peacefully at Caenby Nursing Home.
Elizabeth Joan Gibbons F.L.S., aged
86 years, of Holton-le-Moor, and
Glentworth. Lincoln. Much loved
sister of Dora. Funeral. 2pm
Wednesday December 7th at 81
Luics Church, Holton-le-Moor.
Family Rowers only, donotations if
desired to Holton Church. desired to Holton Crurch.

HAGGAR - On December 2nd. at Weitey Abbey Nursing Home. Stoke-on-Trenl. Reginald George Haggar. M.Univ. Keele, R.L.A.R.C.A., F.R.S.A. a little short of his 83rd birthday. A man who will be greatly missed by all who new him. All enquiries to J. Johnson & Soms Function of Control of

PUMPHREY - On November 30th.
Barbara Mary dearly loved wife,
mother and grandmother, peacefully
after a filters borne with great
courage and cheerfulness. A Service
of Thanksgiving for har life will be
held at St Mary's Church. Statisdrop,
on Sunday. December 4th at 12

on Sunday. December 4th at 12 noon.

\$AMY On December 1st 1988, peacefully at home Shafford Eric, C.V.O., F.R.C.S. M.R.C.P. aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Mary. much loved father of Gillian, Nicholas and Antony and loving grandfather to his eight grandchildren. Funeral service will take place on Wednesday. December 7th at 11.00 am at the Chillerins. Cremitarium. Old Amersham. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired. to The London Hospital's Children's Unit Appeal. Whitechapel Rd. London El 2AD.

\$PELSAN On November 30th 1988. SPELMAN - On November 30th 1968.

after a short liness. Maurice
Demond Spelman, of Seaford, aged
79, brother of Norah. Funeral at
Bishopstone Caurch. Seaford. on
Thursday. December 8th 8f 11.30 Thursday, December 8th at 12.30 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to The R.N.L.I. Enquiries and donations c/o Seaford & Newhaven Funeral Service, Tel: (0323) 893889.

FROMPSON - On November 30th 1988, searcfully at Sue Ryder Home, Chetterham, Addison Roy F.R.I.B.A. Cremetton on Thursday December 8th 1988, at 2.00pm at Chetterham, Enquiries and donations to Captur Rasearch, in Sellin Smith & Co I.M. 74 Prestitury Road. Chettenham, Tel. (0242) 826383. WHITE - On November Soth, 1988 at King Edward The VII Hospital, Midhurst, suddenly after an liness, kenneth Martin. Donations to Cancer Research.

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WELLAMS: On November 30th 1988, suddenly but peacefully at home. Ronald Herbert Wilderns 11_B. Former Town Clerk of Hendon and then Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the London Borough of Sarnet until retirement. Beloved husband of Cacity. Eather of Clairs and James. grandfather of Christopher and Antonia and brother of Dorothy. Funeral service at Colders Green Parish Crurch, North End Road. NW11 on Thursday December 6th at 11am, followed by brivate committal. Family flowers only please but donations to the Samaritan Fund. Royal Masonir Hospital. Ravenscourt Park. W6 or to the Leegue of Friends, Manor House Hospital. NW11 TEU.

CARDIFF - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Brigadier Ereid Cardiff CB. CB.E. will be beld in The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SWI on Tuesday December 6th at 12 noon. YEOMAN - A Service of Thanksplving for the life of John will be held at Christ Church Chelses SW3, December 16th at 11am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

IN MEMORIAM - WAR CARDAM - A Service of Thanlespiving for life of Bill Gardam will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, December 10th, at Christ Church, Kingston Road, Staines, Middlesex.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE **GOLDSTEIN** - To Durling Doris on her KAPRALIK - Mrs Camilla, on December 3rd 1978, Unforgotten by Chartes and Lucie. PRITCHARD - Martin Lewin Blake who died Docember 4th 1983. In Proud memory. Peggy. John and Charmaine.

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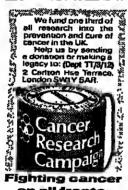
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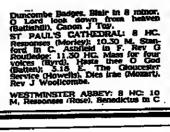
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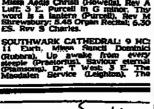
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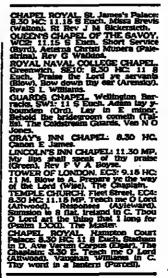
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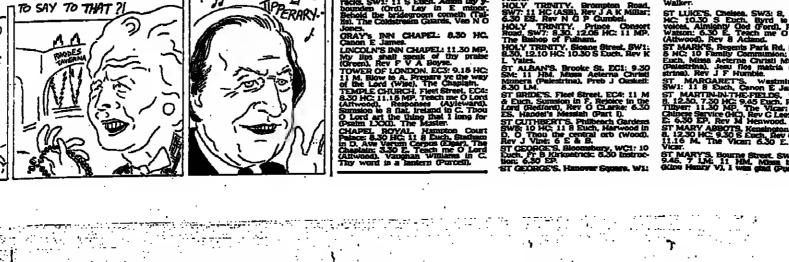
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seum last year, he blurted out that what be really wanted to do for the museum was to make it the Laura Ashley of the 1990s. It was one of his more quixotic statements, brought on by the oeed to raise the cash to fix the V & A's leaking roof, and rescue its more distant galleries from 20 years of squalor and neglect. But it was, nevertheless, a notion which reflects the rapidly changing face of

museums have become one of the late 20th century's more important growth industries. Run by directors who are more likely to be cultural impresarios than scholars, they have become as fiercely competitive as any high street. retail chain. Like department stores, they are forever opening oew wings, refurbishing their restaurants, and opening bigger and better shops. Iodeed, museums' policies are geared more and more to boosting their positions in the visitor ratings table. It is the big, flashy shows that pull in

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wings oow seem to stretch half way the modern museum Whether they like it or not, across Central Park. and its shop, along with its mail order

chance to relieve the puoters of ever larger Blue Egyptian cat replica, £7.50 from the British Museum shop sums of money, spent on the associated merchaodise. And the curators fight to New York's Metropolitan Museum is perhaps the most conspicuous victim

business, has a turnover of \$200 million (£105 millioo) a year, selling everything from post-cards to log baskets. A muon two floors. Any bigger and the predictions of Saatchi's irritating advertising cam-paign for the V & A will come seum chargecard can't be far true: "An ace shop, with quite a nice museum attached". New York's conspicuous coosumers besiege the super-market checkout tills here in

At the Museum of Modern Art, also in New York, the museum shop, newly extended and refurbished, is oow larger and more prominent than many of its minor departments. It gets pride of place in the main entrance hall to the museum and is laid oot

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tiasis. Its endless new

wristwatches, and desk calendars that require PhD's in mathematics decipher. In fact MoMA, as it likes to call itself,

helped trigger off the current explosion in museum retailing when it began collect-ing industrial design - that is objects such as cigarette lighters, televisioo sets, glassware and furniture that you can see displayed just as well in the average up-market furniture store, as in the hallowed cases

of the museum itself. Before MoMA got into its stride, the average museum shop concentrated on plaster casts of popular classic items from its collection. Or, in Britain, oo tacky spio-offs; museum bookmarks, diaries and Victorian posies. At MoMA they got quickly into the main-stream of merchandising because so many of the items in their collection are mass

Dealing with industrial design put the museum in a dilemma. On the one hand it wanted to show that mass produced every day objects. stripped of the mystique of art or history, were in themselves worthy of study. But at the same time, by putting these artefacts into a museum they transformed them into something else. If you put a television set behind glass, defend it with a warder and put a label next to it, then it is going to look like art.

hat is the appropriate response to buying a desk lamp, for example, that is in a museum collectioo? Should you handle it only with gloves, and lock it away in a climatecontrolled vault like a Picasso

drawing? Manufacturers, predictably, have no such qualms. They were delighted to discover that applying the magic words "Collective for the permaneot collection of the Museum of Modern Art" to the labels had a potent effect on their sales. It was transferring a little of the gloss of museum prestige, in fact. This wasn't a case of actually go out and get the "real thing". In America, how-ever, the phenomenoo has got so far out of hand that in the MoMA galleries you can oow find notices cautioning the public agaiost buying the so-called "museum watch" which, it says, has oo coonec-tioo with MoMA. The implication presumably being why oot buy the real thing

from our shop downstairs? Britain, of course, is still a long way behind the sophis-ticated marketing of the Americans. But it is rapidly trying to catch up. Perhaps the most enterprising of Britain's museums has been the V & A, which, in the wake of Strong's departure, has moved closer to Habitat than Laura Ashley. Io August Sir Terence Conran
— who is one of the museum's trustees - launched the Habitat range of wallpapers and fabrics based oo Arts and Crafts designs from the V & A's archives. For every metre of fabric, yard of wallpaper, or pillowslip sold, the V & A gets the royalty. From Habitat's point of view the scheme has

success: its best-selling wallpaper is now a V & A pattern.

The V & A is also one of the best-organized of British museums at getting the public into its shop, in the most clicient way possible. They went as far as hiring the high street design specialist David Davies, who used his experi-ence with the Next chain to lay it out. It shares a prominent position on the V & A's ground floor with a Crafts

Council shop.
The British Museum, on the other hand, is only just beginning to take its sales potential seriously. Its turnover is just a fraction of the Metropolitan's. even though its collection is in maoy ways more impressive. Sales are conceotrated on a few familiar lines, mainly reproductioos of exhibits, including the celebrated Lewis Chessmen, Egyptian cats and ao engaging range of hippos. Without the back-up of the Americaos, the BM is still a

touch amateurish. The Royal Academy, without a permanent collection, and much more tuned io to the needs of commerce, has been rather more imaginative about coming up with its own



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wares to sell. A string of promineot academicians has been signed up to produce objects for the RA shop. There are RA labelled wines, cards. T-shirts. In fact the RA was getting so successful at this kind of thing that its marketing genius was lured away to repeat the trick for Lord Montagu's quango, English



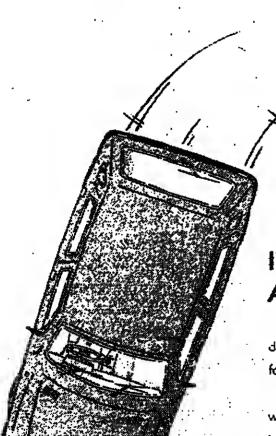
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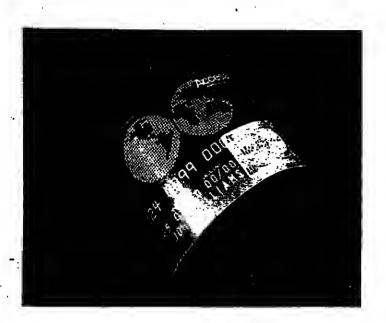
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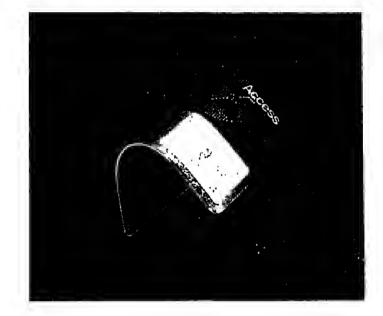




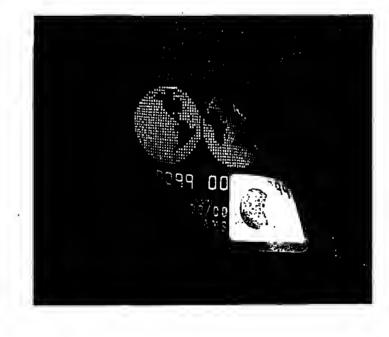






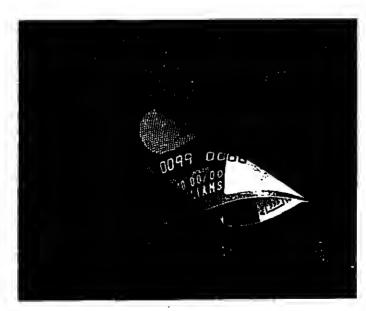














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age of four to be sterilized after hearing that she had entered a

F, may be lawfully sterilized even though she is incapable court." of giving her consent for the

The ruling led in an immediate protest by Sir Brian Rix, chairman of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, whn expressed his "disbelief" and collection of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, who had to be unable to cope with labour or looking after a barrier of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, who had to be unable to cope with labour or looking after a barrier of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, who had to be unable to cope with labour or looking after a barrier of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults.

the Pill, particularly as she is



Sir Brian Rix: Called for an

inquiry into judge's ruling. resident in a hospital and whether there has been any consideration given to the sterilization of the man."

After hearing legal argument the judge put a two-week stay on the order consenting to the sterilization pending a possible appeal by the Official

Mr Alan Levy, counsel for the Official Solicitor, a "friend of the court" who was called in to ensure all the legal arguments were fully aired, told the judge it was felt that a ruling by a higher court would be useful because the case "bristled with points of im-

nf these the woman was pregnant and legal abortion

sexual relationship with another mental patient.

Mr Justice Scott Baker ruled in the Family Divisinn that the woman, referred to as Miss Court of Appeal it will have the added authority of that

The judge said other methods of contraception would be unsatisfactory and could ex-

expressed his "disbelief" and called for an inquiry.

He said: "I question why the woman could not be put on abled since the age of about nine months. She had the verbal capacity of a two-yearold and the general mental capacity of a four or five-year-old.

But she was able to experience emotions such as enjoyment, sadness and fear. In the "freer approach" now adopted towards mental patients, she had formed a relationship with a male

patient at the hospital. The man's mental state meant there was no question of his being regarded as criminally liable or guilty of sexual molestation. The question of sterilization

arose because Miss F, although mentally handicapped, had the same degree of fertility as any other 35-year-old

In law, any medical treatment involving physical coo-tact with a patient's body was at first sight "battery" unless the patient had expressly consented to the contact.

The judge accepted this statement of the law as far as it went. But he said it created a problem where a patient, because of a mental condition, was permanently unable to give meaningful consent to treatment for a physical conditioo. If a doctor did nothing, it might be claimed that he portance". was negligent; if he operated,
Three previous cases, in he might be accused of
which sterilization of a men-

Woman with Countdown to the most secret shuttle



The five smiling crew members, all service personnel, leaving their earthbound living quarters yesterday for the successful launch into space of their space shuttle Atlantis on a

deepest secrecy which, Nasa sources say, will deploy a \$500 million (£270 million) spy satellite. Within minutes of lift-off at 1430 GMT, the US Defence Department clamped a news blackout on the mission and stopped

broadcasting ground-to-air radio communications. Yesterday's was the second attempt in two days to launch the shattle. "Atlantis begins another space voyage as it clears the tower," the official launch commentator Hugh

Harris proclaimed as the shuttle soared off into clear and summy skies in a plume of white smoke and orange flames, in what is only the second manned US space mission since the

TV chiefs praise Hurd choice of new supremo

little rain and drizzle in places, with the driest weather in the

country. Sleet and snow possible on high ground in Scotland,

drier in the West later. Outlook: cloudy, with rain at times.

the industry.

WEATHER

AROUND BRITAIN

May this year he took over the chairmansbip of ITN.

Although he will relinquish the ITN and Channel 4 posts when he takes up the part-time job at the IBA, he intends to remain as chief executive of the Marley group, thereby keeping a firm foot in the world of industry.

The five-year appointment

carries an annual salary at Paper. The Home Secretary ing, quite brilliant", said one present of £37,360, but that has been determined to bring official. figure is under review and is someone in with a business likely to be increased signifi- background who had an cantly, especially after the establishment of the ITC.

The appointment was being regarded as politically astute last night, after the savage treatment meted out to ITV

understanding of the media,

Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Channel 4, said: "It is, of course, a blow as far and his choice is likely imas Channel 4 is concerned, but prove the strained relations looking at televisioo as a between the Government and whole I cannot think of a more appropriate appointment". ITV and IBA chiefs could

Lord Thomsoo warmly welcompanies in the Govern- hardly believe their luck. "It's comed the appointment of his next phoment's broadcasting. White super news Absolutely ansay successor, saying." He has casting."

Most of the country will

have a cloudy start with a

ABROAD

combined a brilliant business record of maintaining industrial change with a strong spirit of public service."

Mr John Whitney, director general of the IBA, said the appointment was good news for television, "We can oow plan forward to assure the successful development of the comed the appointment of his next phase of UK broad-

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Haughey summit snub for **Thatcher**

Continued from page 1

view the evidence against Father Ryan presented by Britain was inadequate. He insisted that Belgium's action had been taken solely on legal grounds, and added that he did not need any lessons from

Mrs Thatcher in Belgian law. He also challenged the Prime Minister to prove that the British extradition warrants were adequate, asking "Are you sure they were properly drawn up?" He re-minded Mrs Thatcher that in Belgium decisions of this kind were the responsibility of the executive arm of government, based on legal advice which by its nature was secret.

Diplomats said that, al-though the atmosphere had deteriorated, they haped that there would be an opportunity before the summit ended to "patch up" both Anglo-Irish

and Anglo-Belgian relations.
But as EEC leaders gathered for a formal dinner hosted by Mr Andreas Papandreon, the Greek Prime Mioister, officials described Mr Martens's mood as "combative" and his exchange with Mrs Thatcher as "acerbic".

The Crown Prosecution Service, in its statement yes-terday, noted that the "20 questions" from the Irish Attorney general had been faxed to London at 5.30 pm on Thursday last week.

This was some two hours after Sir Patrick Maybew, the Attorney-General, had repeatedly emphasized in the Commons that the Irish authorities had raised no queries on the extradition warrants.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour deputy leader, last night launched a new attack on Mrs Thatcher's "internperate" behaviour, which he said was prejudicing her declared objectives.

Jail amnesty for foreigners

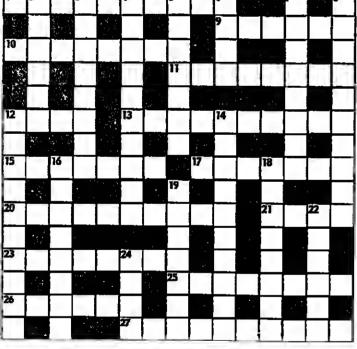
Ain Dhabi (AFP) - The President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nayahan, declared an amnesty yesterday for 100 foreign prisoners, officials

The decision, as in previous years, coincided with the Emirates national day.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17.843



ACROSS

- 1 Do hardy men relax, having achieved their nbjective? (4.3.3). 9 Dan Cupid? (6).
- 10 To get fish, man takes to a boat 11 Beetle — boy written about by one Rudvard, heartlessly (S). 12 Issue a note to produce this (4).
- 13 Poem about a beautiful woman. 15 Polish poet i put io hospital (7).
- 17 Part of Russia is taken aback by chief of police (7). 20 Individual I have to pay proper attention to at first (10).
- 21 Every time a chap's taken in (4). 23 Overwhelm one woman in order to get an appointment (8). 25 Irregular policemen about 10 cover up disastrous raid (8).
- 26 Does get confused about copper
- 27 Prime Minister with duller brain

Solution to Puzzle No 17.842

DOWN

- 3 Be in one wagon impless, but it's gnt oine sides (8).
- 5 Any gold can be transmuted in twenty-four hours (7).
- 6 Carrier brought up in court here 7 How did water get into the
- river? It's a mystery (8). 8 14's way, by the sound of it (6,4). 12 One who looks solemn and then mnreover runs inside (10).
- 14 Benedick, a oew unino member 16 Engineer beginning to show ingenuity (8).
- 18 Jumbo, the plane that's been redesigned (8).
- 19 Craft rising city provided (7). 22 li takes one aboard a vessel (6).
- 24 Eager to work in silver (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,837

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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BENNE b. RC Latin for "well OBANG

L. A marcotic drug . An oblong coin c. Enforced chastity HEADS-UP b. Ready for picking c. Clever

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M Redfern Captain's Lane, Barton Under Needwood, Burton-on-Trent Staffordshire: G Blake, The Old Almshouse, Casile Morton, Mal-vern, Worcestershire; D Wil-kinson, Burleigh Road, Frimley, Surrey; G Barbour, Canmore

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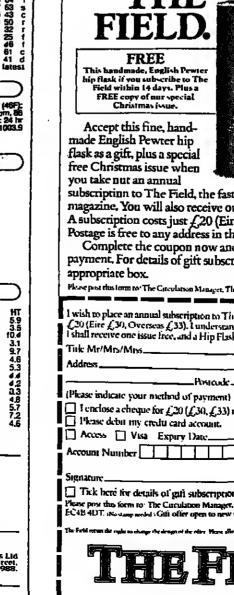
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PETER PAN'S WISHING WALL



Edmund Caswell and his mural, which will be unveiled next Tuesday at the Hospital For Sick Children: "Our society only sees finished work, and has no conception of the processes of change, evolution and experiment that follow the first mark on the wall."

down the corridor slowly. He was propping up, or perhaps being propped by, a wheeled rack from which hung a drip, the tube running to his arm. He stood by the artist.
"Want any help?" be said,
after a moment or two. "I can draw birds." Given a brush, he did so. Then: "That's a heron. I've got a book on hirds. I'll come back tomorrow, make it

right." And he did. "His name was Tim, that's all I know," the artist said. "He'd be 20 now. If he didn't die. I hope he'll be there when they start passing the cham-pagne next Tuesday. Without him, I'm oot sure this would have been finished. Io all the world at that time, he seemed the only person with eyes to

The champagne will be poured at the Hospital For Sick Children, Great Ormood Street, when Lady Callaghan of Cardiff unveils a remarkable work of art, a mural 72ft by 8ft, peopled with more than 400 figures telling in startling and vigorous detail that marvellous tale of Peter Pan. Edmund Caswell began the

mural eight years ago. To complete it he has had to overcome personal crises, such as when the roof came off his home and when the bottom fell out of his overdraft, his own serious sickness, and strands of wounding opposition - some touching upon the bizarre - from within one of the world's most famous places of healing.

More specifically, he has

worked through the night (8pm to 8am on weekdays; 8pm to noon at weekends) for the past 11 months to complete it. "An obsession? Yes. of course, in the end," he admits. "This is a celebration of the most famous children's story, in the place most connected with the memory of its author, Sir James Barrie. A year's sleep is no great sacrifice to bring it to the stage where you can all can now stand back and judge."

In her speech on Tuesday, Lady Callaghan will undoubtedly touch on the serendipity of his timing: as Caswell's brush flicked io the final details of Tinker Bell's wings, the House of Lords was nodding through an amendment to the Copyright, Design and Patent Bill. Instead of ending at the fiftieth anoiver-sary of Barrie's death, royalues on the Peter Pao story in all its forms will continue to flow to Great Ormood Street. So now there is a Peter Pan

AT GREAT ORMOND STREET

Wall to stand alongside that Peter Pan Ward and Peter Pan Canteen which had been in part paid for by a half-century of income from Barrie's bequest. And very possibly listening to Lady Callaghan will be the senior member of the medical staff who recently hissed to Caswell: "If Barrie were alive today, we would never allow him to set foot

inside the hospital." For what Caswell had done, as he threw his magic shapes oo to that institutional emulsioo, was to bring foaming to the surface the phobic suspicions about the true oature of one of this century's greatest children's writers.

"He's another Peter Pan himself," Caswell's wife says. "An incocent. An unworldly man. And so unprepared for some of things lying in wait when be started out on this." Now aged 50, Caswell was born in India, to a military-

he boy was sick.

BRIAN JAMES

Eight years ago a painter started a in the corridor outside the hospital pharmacy. "I thought quivering with rage to was from the psychiatric that so wounded Caswell. mural at J.M. Barrie's favourite hospital; and like Barrie's most famous character, he fought some strange battles along the way

> for a greater love, horses. e farmed for a while, before leaving to paiot scenery and empty the ashtrays at the old Coventry Theatre. Joined the Royal Artillery for six years to

> brought to Britain at seven,

went to school in Coventry,

ship, but abandoned the easel

and won a junior art scholar-

again work with horses, while studying for the priesthood. Abandooed the cloth when he found that celibacy lacked appeal, hut that decorating the hall for the Officer's Ball was

He expects you to gather from all this that he was not a young man filled with a sense of mission. A failed marriage and several careers later he decided, at 3g, to tackle art seriously and enrolled as a student at Middlesex Poly-

civil service family. He was technic. His first-year task was to paint a mural oo 30ft of wall in a west Loodoo geriatric hospital: it was a turning

> "I chose Carnival as my subject. Filled the wall with beautiful people. The effect oo those old dears was astonishing. Spddenly everyooe was smacking oo the cosmetics; old ladies who hadn't looked their hair dooe. They identified: you know, 'Dearie, that one there... that's how I used to look,' they'd tell me. be a better place to draw it? I Nurses said that some of them, dying clung oo six months just to see it finished. I knew then what I wanted to

The chance came via the Yellow Pages. Peony Uprichard, public relations officer at Great Ormood Street, knew that parents with sick, fretful children often speot dragging hours waiting

detail from Edmund Caswell's original chalk cartoon made A eight years ago . . . a full-size sketch to indicate the incidents will and leaves . . . he intended to portray and the characters he would include. His chalk-lines concentrated on the physiology, as a guide for the book on birds...
posture, position and movement of his later-to-be-clothed cast: too think that at last many, however, saw in these outlines no more than writhing nudes.

perhaps a mural would cheer things up," she says. "I opened the book at Arts Schools and stuck in my finger. I wasn't too clear what we wanted. Perhaps the sort of rough, colourful drawing they do with white-wash hrushes oo hoardings around building sites. Might take a marning or two. Now, eight years later... but so worth waiting for."

When Middlesex Poly told Caswell what they had in mind for his second-year project, he oearly took off and flew about like Tinker Bell. "This was perfect! Maybe they thought they were going to get a few Disney animals. But in this place it had to be Barrie. I knew Peter Pan, you see. Margaret Lockwood had done

was so up oo this . . ."

t was three months later that the first down came. Sketching in a frenzy, Caswell had produced io terracotta chalk a lifesize cartoon for the proposed work. The hospital invited department heads, administrators and governors to watch him pin his sketch to the wall. Uproar. "You'd think I'd pinned up the 'Rape of the Sabine Women,"
Caswell says. "Or worse. The
hall was full of quivering
pointed fingers. I was attacked oo all sides. To capture the flow and rhythm I intended, I'd drawn bodies, Uoclothed, I tried to explain that I didn't draw jackets with heads on, that the mural would grow on the wall, that the clothing was a detail that would emerge. But some people could see oothing but the nakedness."

To calm things down, the hospital suggested he wrote something... just to ex-explain"."I wouldn't do that. A few sentences to try to explain what art was about? Too patronizing. Anyway, it wouldo't cope with the anger I now felt. Instead I wrote my poem." His Tim is in the poem, like this:

He stands before me, drip on

... He very soon begins to ... His drip is at a tilt ...

... Back tomorrow with a ... He waves ... and I think that, at last, ... I'm heard" quivering with rage to was from the psychiatric Caswell. And pointed "I de- department. I wonder who demand to know . . . what is treats him? But he wasn't that man doing with that

His voice is throttled as he roffles creating a memorial to paedophilia instead of a

boys at bay
'what are they doing
what deeds pursuing
this mural cannot stay! I won't stond it, I'll unhand The Governing Body will

hear today . . .

celebration of one of the most exciting children's tales ever writteo. That poem was later fixed to the wall: some staff even established a weird sort of recognitioo by claiming

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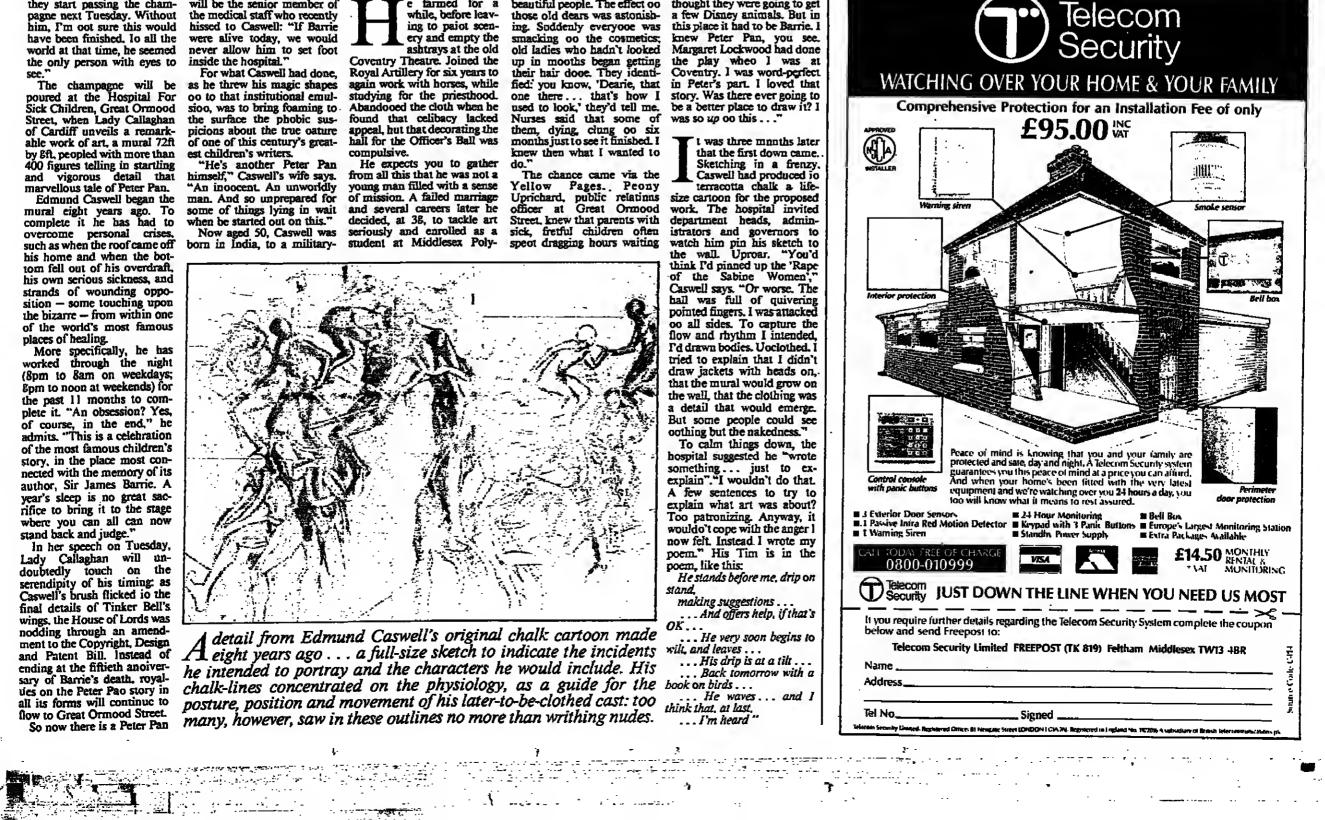
mural as it grew for evidence

of some filth. As though I was

"Oh, look," they'd trill. "See 'Picasso gone wrong' or 'Mere graffiti? That was me!" But fewer were anxious to give toogue to the "pedcrassic view" that Caswell's poem indicted.

What the brushes of Edmund Caswell, the eternal inoocent, had uncovered were dormant doubts about Barrie himself. A book and a tele-

Cootinued overleaf



ed from previous page vision series in the Seventies had provoked intense discussion about the true nature of the Scots playwright, a strange inverted character who scarce grew above a child in stature and whn so adored childhood that he declared: "Nnthing that happens in life after the age of 12 matters very much.* Caswell says nnw: "I was shaken, bewildered by such reactions. I would come in and find people standing in front of the mural, trying to work out if I'd drawn someone groping Wendy. For a long time I was inhibited. Tim helped. We have a society that goes to the theatre, the gal-leries, watches TV and only ever sees finished work, and thus has no conception of the processes of change, evolution and experiment that follow

wall. Even Tim's heron is now a flamingo. The misunderstandings have not been all on one side. Caswell, lunging at his wall to remove a whole range of mountains be had decided after a year served oo purpose, would not easily see into the minds of scurrying administators arguing over ward closures, nor understand why doctors, preoccupied with life-and-death choices, might believe four nights tinkering to perfect Captain

the first mark you make on the

Hook's sash a matter of sublime unimportance. Thus Caswell's irritation when he discovered after one absence that his paints trolley had been stored in some forgotten place. Thus his fury to learn that at one point developers had well-advanced plans to knock down his halffinished wall altogether. Thus his inability to comprehend the enmity of a ward sister when money was found to spotlight his wall after her demand for items of equipmeot had been turned down. And thus, particularly, his continuing feud with an official who wants the two doors and two windows which pierce his mural each enlarged to speed the passing out of pharmacy tablets.

Some people see what I am doing as some sort of frill in serious times," he observes. Some busy people get infuriated when they see me sitting there, staring for hours; I should be up there sloshing paint as thrugh I'd been contracted to put nn two coats of Dulux. And some people clearly think I'm on to a good thing, exploiting the hospital. I've had people muttering, 'Oh, he's just messing about trying to spin it nut. They just

don't know.' What they doo't know is that this is literally a labour of Inve. Caswell was given £300 for paints eight years ago. That was all spent, and he was deep into his own pocket lnng before mnunting debts made him cut his nights on the wall to two a week, in order that he could work - at his other crafts as book illustrator or nainter and decorator - to eat.

The search for a sponsor failed (partly because that plan to pull down the wall as part of Great Ormond Street rebuilding was still alive), but £2,000 was found, doled out in £250 portions to finance this past vear. "Paint alone will have cost £1,200; the drying liquid I use so that people don't ruin clothes when the hospital opens each day costs £16 a tin and goes nowhere. So, oo, this has scarcely been a quick road

s he has worked, the mind that the only perversions that name lie in the mind of others. "There is a very old oursing sister still about," he says. "She knew Barrie when he was a visitor here. She has told me, 'I doo't care what they say. If he was a latent homosexual, then eveo he didn't know it'. That is rather my conviction: that Barrie didn't lust after little boys, but was in love with boyhood."

That has always been the most charitable view of Bar-

Derhaps because it is a magic tale, Edmund Caswell chooses to tell his story backwards. The meeting of Wendy and Peter Pan, when he enters in search of his shadow, takes place in the Nursery at the extreme right lower corner of the mural. The tale then unfolds (right to left along the top of the wall) with the encounter with the Crocodile, the adventure when Peter routs the Wolf, the meeting with Mermaids at the end of the rainbow: and then on (along the foot of the wall, left to right) to the rescue of the Indian Maiden, via the capture of the Lost Boys by the Pirates to the fight upon the Jolly Roger and the despatch of Captain Hook into the jaws of the Crocodile. And then the triumphal return of Wendy and the Boys to the Darling household. Below: the tense and sombre depiction of the Boys' underground hiding place as the evil C'p'n Hook steals in to poison Peter's medicine and set the scene for All Who Believe In Fairies to save Tinker Bell by clapping their hands.

PETER PAN'S WISHING WALL

life the waymarks of which have been plainly plotted. The death at 13 nf an elder brother, David, in a skating accident drew a brooding family in upon itself. The six-year-old James became some sort of symbol of lost childhood for his mother, and his own "not growing up" a device to assuage her loss.

But it was his later friendship with the sons of his friends Arthur and Sylvia Llewelyn Davies which provided Barrie with all his most creative and most tragic days, and his hiographers with their richest seams. The Davieses then had three sons, George, Jack and Peter, Michael and Nicholas would later be added to their family and to Barrie's circle of enthralled listeners.

For the tacitum little Scot

was at ease only with the young, and wandering with the boys in Kensington Gardens he would invent and embroider tales of fairies and coovictioo has castaways, pirates and de-grown in Caswell's mons. And they in turn began to be woven into his fantasies. Peter Davies was the clear can be linked with Barrie's model for Peter Pan (and would in later life, before throwing himself in front of a Tube train, write hitterly of being pursued by "that terrible masterpiece"), while George figured in a Barrie novel about a bachelor who meets a boy while walking in the park and conceives a scheme for them to enter a permanent neverland together.

This is the stuff of both dreams and diagnoses. Yet Nicholas, writing in late adultrie's odd, depression-dogged hood, would insist "I say for io 1904.



Between 1907 and 1909,

both Arthur and Sylvia Davies

died of cancer. Barrie, now

divorced from his own child-

less marriage, became the boys guardian. His favourite

was clearly George, who was

killed in Flanders in 1914.

Barrie's deepest affection was

distilled now in favour of

Michael, about whom he be-

came embarrassingly pos-

certain that I who lived with him on and off for more than 20 years - alone for five of those years - never heard ooe word, saw ooe glimmer of anything approaching homosexuality or paedophiliacy. He was an innocent, which is why he could write Peter Pan. Which James Matthew Barrie had dooe, to instant success,

sessive. Michael drowned, at 20, in 1920.

Much of the energy of Barrie's remaining life was bent towards Great Ormond Street. It was he who took the current cast of the play, including Sir Gerald do Maurier, Marie Lohr and Mary Casson, to perform scenes io the wards. Few subsequent productions have not followed the precedent the Captains Hook who have stalked Great Ormand Street include Ralph Richardson, Charles Laughton, Donald Wolfit and Alastair Sim, while "Peter" has been Gladys Cooper, Anna Neagle, Sarah Churchill, Hayley Mills and Maggie Smith. Eight years before his death in 1937, Barrie willed every sum from Peter Pan the play, the films, the cartoons, the books, the musical oo ice - to the hospital.

Barrie was not the first literary figure to fall under Great Ormood Street's own powerful spell. It opened in 1852 against a background of a Londoo in which of the 50,000 who died the previous year, 21,000 had oot reached their tenth birthday. Yet oot only did Britain have no hospital specifically for children, adult hospitals refused to admit the young oo the grounds that they carried infection. No wonder Charles Dickens was moved to write his famous pamphlet, Drooping Buds: What should we say of a rosetree in which one bud of every three dropped to the soil dead? . . . this is not natural to roses, neither is it natural to men and women that they

should see the glaze of death upoo so many of the bright eyes ... think of it again. Of all the coffins made in London, more than ooe in three is made for a little child

strident Dickens's sentimentality, in pamphlets which were sold, in his novels which gave walk-on parts to the institution, in Publick Readings that he gave, helped save Great Ormond Street from early bankcruptcy, and established a tradition of patronage that Barrie much encouraged and others have

manifestly taken up.
The Sick Children's Hospital is currently in the midst nf the Wishing Well appeal for £42 million, with which it will rebuild much of the structure where 1,650 staff annually care for 9,000 in-patients and treat 70,000 out-patients, many brought with intractable illnesses from the world's

most distant corners. To urge the money-making along, the Princess of Wales has played tennis for the cause, Frank Bruno has sparred, Sharroo Davies swum, Seh Coe run, Red Arrows soared, Marines abseiled, Boy George simpered, Jeffrey Archer told jokes and hundreds endured them, and the fit and the fat io their thousands puffed marathon distances.

o successful, indeed, have the tin-rattlers of Great Ormood Street become that other ehildren's hospitals have been heard to mutter darkly that the Wishing Well was soaking up the funds upon which they, too, depended (putting up an appeal poster right across the street from Manchester's own children's department certainly was a shade tactless). The WW re-spooded by offering to share with children's units in Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester the mooey col-

lected from those areas. Great Ormond Street's special cachet is also why Lady Callaghan, as chairman of the Special Trustees (who are

charged with the spending of all endowment, ooo-NHS funds), found a ready listener when she weot home "muttering gloomily" about the fact-that the Barrie funds were about to dry up, with the ending at the fiftieth anniversary of his death of the nbligation under copyright to subvent the hospital.

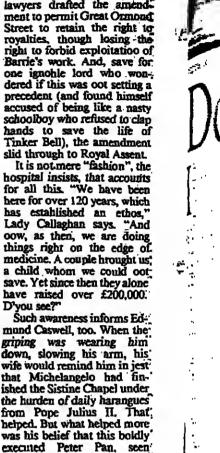
Ex-prime ministers. asked her husband, surely had a little clout still? "I said I'd ask around," Lord Callaghan remembers, "and see what I could do. For a cause like this . . . and actually, every body was absolutely ready to help." Indeed. Prompted by g suggestion in a letter to The Times, the Government's own lawyers drafted the amendment to permit Great Ormond Street to retain the right to royalties, though losing the right to forbid exploitation of Barrie's work. And, save for one ignohle lord who wondered if this was oot setting a precedent (and found himself accused of being like a nasty schoolboy who refused to clap hands to save the life of Tinker Bell), the amendment

It is not mere "fashion", the hospital insists, that accounts for all this. "We have been here for over 120 years, which has established an ethos." Lady Callaghan says. "And oow, as then, we are doing things right on the edge of medicine. A couple hrought us; a child whom we could oot save. Yet since then they alone have raised over £200,000.

D'you see?" Such awareness informs Edmund Caswell, too. When the griping was wearing him down, slowing his arm, his wife would remind him in jest that Michelangelo had finished the Sistine Chapel under the hurden of daily harangues from Pope Julius II. That; helped. But what helped more was his belief that this boldly executed Peter Pan, seen bravely vanquishing Captain Hook, crocodile and fear, will fill the eye and minds of children waiting to discover whether pills and syrups can' vanquish their own pain.



Atouch of Lime



Sec. 4





Longleat in Wiltshire: a house fit for an enormously rich and influential self-made courtier, classical in its four-square symmetry and avant-garde detailing

on't mention the lions

have not seen the lions of Longleat, and that's fine by me. At this time of year England's first and most famous Safari Park is closed. So are the Adventure Castle, the Railway, the Maze . . . On the day visited, even the exhibition of Lord Weymouth's murais was closed. Fortune has indeed smiled

inch the

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With all these dubious attractious hibernating, and the summer throng of visitors down to a steady trickle, this is just the time of year to visit Longleat. What remains open is the house - and what a house it is.

There may be more beautiful buildings, but in the matter of house-and-setting combined, it is hard to think of anything to equal Longleat. It simply looks perfect, standing in its wide wooded valley, surrounded by the rolling acres of a consummate Capability Brown park. Nature lies tamed and exalted as far as the eye can see, and the great house, silvery and lichened, seems to have grown into the landscape over the centu-

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stunning reaction of famous

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After the tourists have tired of wildlife and the crowds thin, Nigel Andrew visits Longleat — at the best time of year

scale is enormous and the four-

square symmetry and avant-garde

those ranks of huge, mullioned

windows put it squarely in the

English traditioo, It was the first,

and perhaps most perfect, of the

has been much altered. Here a

famous and still chilling relic is oo

display - the white waistcoat worn by Charles I at his execution,

OUTINGS

eminent artists — including Elisabeth Frink, David Bailey, and Geoffrey Dashwood — exhibit their

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nfortunately (or is it?)

very little remains of

Sir John Thynne's io-

terior - only the Great

Hall in fact, and that

Elizabethan "prodigy houses".

ries. This is the sort of effortless immemorial grandeur we expect of the English stately home, and

seldom find in quite such concentrated form. It must have been the setting as

much as anything else that at-tracted the attention of Sir John Thynne, as he scanned the property columns of Ye Dissolution Times and Asset-Stripper's Gazette in 1540. Augustinian priory, own water, fertile land, sweet air, well wooded environs, fishponds and usual offices, scope for redevelopment, suit young man on the make. £53 with vacant possessioo. "The builder", as Sir John came to be known, snapped it up and set to work converting the priory into a house fit for an enormously rich and influential self-made contrier

His earlier efforts were destroyed by fire io 1567, and the

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mental health.

complete with barely visible present house is a third rebuilding: the huilder had the huilders in for an unconscionable long time. But he entered into the spirit of the bloodstains. Internally Longleat is a 19th-century house of the utmost magnificence, much altered thing, and was probably the brains by Wyatville, and worked up to a behind the design, with the great pitch of decorative extravagance Robert Smythson as his principal architect, or rather mason. The in the 1870s and 1880s.

It is guided tours only at Longleat. I do not care for guided tours generally, preferring to have detailing are firmly classical. But more time to look, and to be fed facts rather than well-worn anecdotes about The Family. All I ask for is to be left alone with a good guide book and as much time as I want. Sadly the current Longleat guidebook seems to be a product of the "leisure industry" beautifully illustrated, but woefully short of solid information, eveo about the family.

The sixth Marquess, showman that he is, has clearly realized that what most people want in a stately home is a lot of pictures of the

Great Britain, Europe and the US exhibit at the Royal Academy this weekend. More than 6,000 original prints for sale, including old

masters and modern contemporary

tomorrow, Mon, 11am-6pm. Admission including catalogue £4,

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VICTORIAN CRAFTS FOR

and sell their work - from

stalls, Father Christmas,

to look over the house and

Christchurch, Hampshire.

child/student £2.

provided plenty for them to gurgle over here, covering every flat surface with family snapshots and leaving personal mementoes "casually" lying about lying about everywhere.

If you can manage to concentrate on the house itself, the effect is quite stunning in its richness. There is certainly too much to be taken in on a guided tour, even at off-season speed. The paintings alone are overwhelming in quantity and quality, including two separate great collections one Italian, one Dutch - as well as fine portraits and hunting scenes by the dozen.

The most recent acquisition, hung in a corridor, is the most eye catching of all. Presented by the BBC, it is an original of a painting made famous by that appalling comedy series 'Allo 'Allo.

Longleat House, near Warminster, Wiltshire (09853 551), is open daily all the year (except Christmas Day), Winter hours: 10am-4pm. Admission £2.80, OAP £2.30, child £1.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL: Jane Glover conducts the London Mozart players, with John Ogden and Brenda Lucas on piano, in a concert which includes Mozart's Toy Symphony, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, Saint-Saëns's Carnival of the s, and *i nree German* Dances by Mozart. Selections of Ogden Nash's poems plus guest appearances and narrations by Bob Holness and Colin Baker. Barbican Centre, Silk Street. London EC2 (box office 01-638 8891). Tomorrow 3pm. Tickets £6.50-£12.50.

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WEATHER

Outlook, very changeable

Andro Linklater peers into a world of occluded fronts and discovers some

storm showers on the horizon

s Copernicus is to astronomy and Bosanquet to the googly, so is Bergeron Bjerknes to meteorology. It was he, staring out of a window of the Bergen meteorological of-fice in the 1920s, who noticed that the clouds advanced from the horizon in long, distinct bands. Linking this observation to changes in barometric pressure, he evolved the theory of weather frontal systems.

"Bjerknes is one of my heroes." says Norman Lynagh, chief meteorologist for the marine and offshore engineering company, Noble Denton, "His observations mark the starting point of modern meteorology.

For many years, all weather information in the United Kingdom was supplied by the Meteorological Office, and if you did not trust its "sunny intervals with the possibility of showers", the only recourse was to see how high the seagulls were flying or whether the sky was red at night. Now all that

has changed and anyone can know whence the wind bloweth and whither it goeth.

Like much else, the science of weather forecasting has gone through privatization. Lynagh, cbeerful, bespectacled Scot who onee worked on a weather ship in

the Atlantic, is one of this new breed of "private" weathermen. He works with information gathered world under the

auspices of the World Meteorological Organization. The information is available virtually free of charge, but the figures are always history - to predict the future requires a special expertise. "We give the added value," Lynagh says with pride. "Without

us, the information is useless," To coovert the raw data into a forecast has always required experience and a good grounding in physics. What has changed is the availability of computers. Forecasting is oow more accurate, enabling private organizations and even individuals to offer a service which can compete with the Met Office.

Understandably, Gordon Higgins, head of the Met Office's Marketing Services Branch, regards these interlopers with dis-taste. His traditional clients are the Ministry of Defence, civil aviation and the local authorities. but he is in competition with the newcomers to sell his services to farmers, supermarkets and the railways. And to his chagrin, much of the data which the competition uses is supplied by the Met Office's computer at Bracknell.

The problem is particularly acute because the Met Office is to be floated off as an independent agency in 1990. Negotiations are under way with the private forecasters to see whether they will agree to pay a charge for information, but they are unlikely to agree. They will argue that the value of a forecast lies in the interpretation of the data.

It is not enough for a prediction to be accurate . . . indeed. an audience survey has established that no more than 20 per cent of the information given is understood by the audience. This is partly the fault of an optimistic inclination to hear "sunny spells" as meaning mostly sunshine, when it really means mostly clouds, but it is also a matter of jargon. "It you have decided it is going to be a miserable day, you should use those words," Lynagh

It seems that national prejudices are to be found even in the world of meteorology. It cannot

wholly be chance that the Met Office computer model is particularly good at predicting the last-moving, lowpressure systems of spring and autumn, when the weather is at its most typically British, but that the independents should turn to West Germany's machine during the settled winter and summer patterns when high pressure over Scandinavia brings east winds

from around the The weatherman; McCaskill

and a taste of continental weather. And while our own lan McCaskill frequently blames a depression over Iceland for the rain that falls here, his counterparts in France do not hesitate to pin the responsibility for any lapses in French weather on the grey and foggy climate across the Channel.

In an attempt to reduce this personal element, some weather services have tried dispeosing with meteorologists, relying instead oo the computer to interpret its own data. Tests in the Netherlands showed, however, produced the same results forecasting the weather more than 48 hours ahead, the meteorologist with all his quirks was superior over the short term.

"What you are trying to forecast is the behaviour of a free-flowing fluid," Lynagh says. "However much you measure it, the data can only be approximate. The skill in forecasting lies in understanding what the atmosphere is doing. In the end I think it will always remain somewhere between an art and a science."

COLLECTING

"I don't know what to do with these horrors," said the owner. "I've tried using them for flower arrangements, but there is something rather revolting about trying to stuff freesias down a fish's gullet."

"Strictly speaking, those aren't fish — they're dolphins." replied the valuer, and I think they're meant to hold spills rather than flowers. Fishy subjects — mermaids, shells, sea monsters — were very popular at Belleek." "Is that where they come

from? But that's in Ireland.

"County Fermanagh, to be precise. Look - they're marked on the bases with the name on a scroll, under a picture of an Irish wolfhound sitting beside a harp, and a tower in the background - the standard mark used between 1863 and 1891. After that, another scroll inscribed 'Co Fermanagh Ireland' was added. Butterflies were a Belleek speciality, along with the little flowers on the rockwork bases. all individually modelled by hand, and no two ever quite alike. A pair like this, 12in high, offered by Christie's not

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oils, watercolours and prints.

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County Fermanagh, discov-lin, and set up the Belleek ered that the land held deposits factory in 1857, on an island in

of china clay and feldspar, the the River Erne, which may

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The surface is like mother-

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come to be made in Ireland?"

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sale Is part . __ English MS by St Aldhelm of Malmesbury on the subject of virginity, with notes in the Anglo Saxon language (estimate 2600,000). Grosvenor Gallery, Bloomfield Place, off New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Tues, 11am.

of Worcester, who used it to

make what he described as

'Irish statuary porcelain'.

Armstrong, a London architect

and an associate of Kerr's, then got financial backing from David McBerney of Dub-

"The surface is like mother-

DECORATIVE ARTS: Prime hunting ground for collectors of Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Art and Crafts, and other decorative schools up to the present day. Several pieces of mock-ethnic furniture by Carlo Bugatti are fikely to reach the £10,000 mark. Christie'a, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 9060).

"An effect obtained by glaz-Fishy wishes ing the hard paste porcelain, which could be made very thin and shell-like, with a lustre invented by a Frenchman called Brianchon, and made with resin, various nitrates and lavender oil. Belleek acquired the patent and produced both Parian pieces and lustred porcelain, sometimes combining the two finishes in one product. Some of their Parian figures were exceptionally large. One, called Prisoner of Love - a nubile but demure young woman - produced in about 1870, stood over 2ft high, and the mother-of-pearl wares were

unique."
"Didn't they make anything useful?

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Old-time music brawl

he remarkable thing about Timothy Hugh's singular protest at the BBC's Maida Vale studios - he smashed his cello after taking part in the premiere of a piano concerto by an nbscure German composer, apparently as a comment on the composer's own "abuse" of the instruments - is that it happened in the sober, strait-laced Eighties. Far from being avant-garde, Helmuth Flammer's Zeitzeichen-Zeitmasse appears to have been a return to the zany happenings of

the late Sixties. Twenty years ago, no self-respecting composer would have dreamed of writing a piece without asking the violinists to bash their precious fiddles against the music stands, or the trombonists to shout mystical words about magic mushrooms through their

Flammer's work asks for a grand piano to be "prepared" with bits of string - in fact, 1988 marks the 50th anniversary of that historic moment when the American composer John Cage first wrote a work for a piano prepared with nuts, screws, rubbers and splinters of wood. So nothing too revolutionary there.

Nor is there anything new about orchestras protesting about "un-musical" new music. Schubert's great C Major Symphony was The news this week that the BBC Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist smashed his instrument in protest at a

modern work gave Richard Morrison a sense of nostalgia

declared unplayable by his cootemporaries, and at various stages in its distinguished history the Vienna Philharmonic has refused to play music by those well-known avant-gardists Bruck-

ner and Mahler. Nowadays, however, there is little oew music written which orchestral players can get steamed up about. After all.

not even rock bands smash up their instruments in the late Eighties - well, not if their members are under 45. In the con-cert hall and opera house the spirit of our age is typified by Philip Glass's soporific and repetitive pieces, in which orchestral players, far from being asked to enact physical

violence on their instruments, are generally confined to playing stultifying arpeggios for hundreds of bars at a time. The only psychological damage they might sustain in a Glass work, one feels, would be death through inertia. So reading about Herr Flam-

mer's composition, and Timothy Hugh's protest to it, seems a little like watching old news bulletins about the 1968 student riots. And the BBC management's reaction making Hugh the subject of disciplinary proceedings — seems too po-faced. If a musician cannot smash up his own instrument,

The only psychological

after being deeply moved by a the surface. The

damage musicians might sustain in a Glass work would be death through inertia?

performance, what can he do?
On the other hand, if the members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra are not prepared to play new music, they are in the wrong orchestra. The BBC SO plays far more than any other symphony orchestra in London. And one obvious aspect of playing mostly new music is that for every masterpiece that is discovered in the process, there are likely to be a hundred Flammers. But, to adapt a legal maxim, better to wade through a hundred Flammers than that one masterpiece should go

British orchestral players are generally rather well-behaved, oo

grand gesture of the walk-out is mass more of an Italian matches between players and conduc-tors happen in the rehearsal halls of New York, where the insults are said to be of a very high level of

The British form of orchestral protest is usually extremely subversive, witty in a boys' fourthform dormitory kind of way, and absolutely shattering in its effect oo any inexperienced conductor. Players insert deliberate "wrong notes" in rehearsal all the time: it is a pleasant and diverting game to

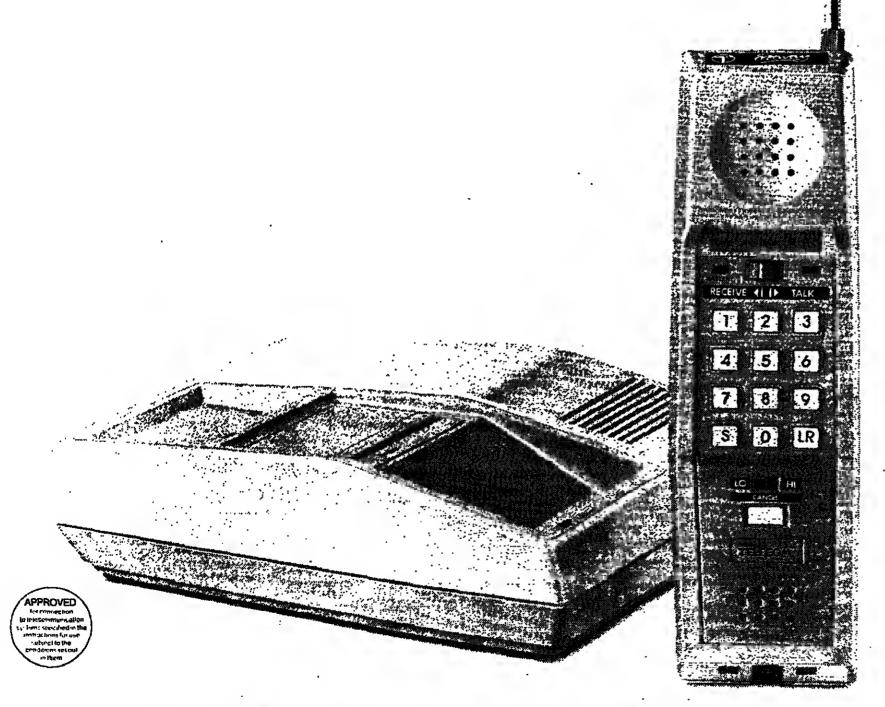
musician or a poseur. Someone like Pierre Boulez, who conducted the BBC SO in the Seventies through some of the most complex scores ever written, would pride himself oo being able to spot a single wrong note to Schoenberg at 100 yards distance, probably while simultaneously completing The Times crossword.

If the composer himself is present, that adds a new and exciting dimensioo to the game especially if, as seems to have been the case at Maida Vale, the composer is a friend of the conductor). As one former BBC brass player once said to me: "If [composer X] couldn't tell that the horns were playing Humpty Dumpty in the middle of his own music, what sort of composer is

Another favourite device is the ostensibly diligeot, but actually deliberately anarchic, question to the composer io rehearsal, such as: Excuse me, but in the 49th bar after H. my third quaver is an E. Shouldn't it be E flat?"

But when it comes to performance, British orchestral players nearly always display a sanguine professionalism. The ooe certain way of angering them is to require them to do something which they feel might damage their in struments - and Herr Flammer seems to have done just that.

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Wig wham: Waltrand Meier, Rene Kollo in Parsiful

OPERA

Parsifal San Francisco

Terry McEwan, the former director general of San Franoew production of Wagner's Parsifal that was vocally most impressive, although at times Kollo was oo match cooceptually and visually

incoherent From the all-star cast that he assembled for the San Francisco Ring of 1985, McEwan invited back Rene Kollo to sing Parisfal, and Walter Berry to sing Klingsor. Kurt Móli, who seems born to sing the great Wagner basses, made his American début here as Gurnemanz 14 years ago: he oow interprets the role as well as anyone alive. Début artists to San Francisco included Waltraud Meier from Stuttgart as Kundry (which she sang at Covent Garden last year), and Jorma Hynnineo from Helsinki as Amfortas. This cast, under Sir John

Pritchard, could scarcely be faulted, even if no one else on stage achieved quite the classic Wagnerian sound of Möll. Possessed of a magnificent clarion voice, he "acts" every syllable, cutting and carving each word and each oote in a way that makes poignant musical and dramatic sense.

Kollo, clothed at first in a baggy, baby-blue outfit that looked like pyjamas, and appearing not the least like an innocent young hero, came most potently into his own

after Kundry's kiss and his awakening ("Amfortas! die Wunde!" I in Act Two. As the profound musical themes of the first act returned, his voice and manner grew heroic, priest-like, prophetic - a fullvoiced outburst that surged oo io his dispute with Kundry, and carried through his "transformation" in the ritual

(and fairly static) final scene. Despite Parsifal's victory, Meier's Kundry - even during her silent momeots in the outer acts, Meier cooveyed a fierce and complex understanding, even when wearing a series of multicoloured frightwigs and lavish costumes to match. Attempting to seduce Parsifal oo a gigantic bed, she pulled out notes of the most astonishing beauty and power, shaping the rise and fall of her tones into masterfully controlled waves of sound; a triumph of music, and musical performance, over showoff directorial "effects".

The highest praise I can pay Pritchard and the orchestra is that they allow one to attend with total concentration, and frequent rapture, to the exquisite sensuality and rhetorical ingenuity of Wagner's score. Nothing was mushed or rushed; the uncut performance ran five hours. If the Flower Maiden music seemed relatively trivial, and much of the Third Act stodey and uninspired, the composer may be more to hlame than the conductor; Wagner can overtax the patience of even

David Littlejohn

The winner of The Times Question Time competition, published oo the Spectrum pages as part of the Past World series from September 27-30, 1988, is Dr S.A. Szweda of Marks Road, Widcombe, Bath. He wins a copy of The Vatican Frescoes of Michelangelo, a limited edition priced at £2,500.

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THE ARTS

In his latest film, Bird, Clint Eastwood does not throw much light on Charlie Parker. Forest Whitaker's award-winning performance as the great jazz man is the more remarkable for its taking place in a photographic Stygian gloom, though it does not light all the divine fires in Parker's drugged hell or, indeed, all the diabolical ones. Eastwood creates

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a cinematic impression of jazz whose loose form enables it, despite much painful content, to relax more than it disturbs - just like most great jazz.

Arena's intriguingly relaxed profile of Eastwood, which boasted the appropriately contradictory title, Clint Eastwood the Man With No Name (BBC2), certainly shed much light on its subject but it was mostly the sun's. They interviewed him outside in the glare of day without a hat, thus ensuring that our eyes were more opened than his famous sitts, though not by his visionary revelation: "I look from within out. You can't look from without in."

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Such metaphysics apart, East-wood seemed a real, if irregularly talented, regular guy, honest, like-nble and certainly no fool. But no one could get fat cating his words. Thus, with only some help from n Thus, with only some help from n witty choice of clips and the minimum of biographical narration (this was not the Clint Eastwood story), the interviewer had to do overtime as the "um" with no name — or face. (Some might have recognized the informed has the informed has the informed has the informed believe, as belonging to Arena's editor, Tony Wall.)

Understandably, the pro-

Understandably, the programme made its excuses after Eastwood talked about Bird and rushed off to interview Parker's common-law wife, Chan, and his trumpet player Red Rodney. Chan was delightfully witty and loqua-cious. In two minutes she produced more interesting revelation about Eastwood and his film than he had done. She also told us Clint eats no red meat and has oatmeal for breakfast: "If you can order outmeal in Paris," she said of him,

"you've got to be a good guy."

Parker may not have been such a good guy, or so fastidious in his eating habits, but then he had more names to live up to, and more reputation to live down.

A man of few words Blue-eyed boyo, still on fire

Peter O'Toole tells Anne Billson about the good, the bad and the dodgy years

eter O'Toole says: "So. You are from the august Times . . . " At this point the coffee pot explodes. It could almost be a scene from High Spirits, his latest film. O'Toole plays the impoverished owner of a castle in Ireland who fakes poltergeist activity to attract American tourists, only to dis-cover that the place is chock-ablock with real ghosts.

It is the actor's first Irish film role since Murphy's War in 1971. Although he was born in Connemara, the son of an Irish bookmaker, he was brought up in Leeds and has studiously avoided being typecast as an Irishman, Neverheless, the roots are there. He lives in Hampstead but, until recently, owned another bouse in Galway. His five-year-old son, who was born in Dublin on St Patrick's Day, is called Lorcan -Gaelic for Lawrence - and was the subject of a much pubbicized Kramer v Kramer situation between O'Toole and a former girlfriend; the actor was awarded custody last summer.

He graduated from RADA during that vintage era which turned out the likes of Albert Finney and Alan Bates. As Charlie Bamforth in the 1959 production of The Long and the Short and the Tall, be was singled out for praise by Kenneth Tynan, who sensed a technical authority that may presage greatness"

"We were having a lot of fun," says O'Toole, "and it seemed that there were some very nice parts around." Fun is something he has always had a lot of. In the early days, he admits, he was a bit of a hell raiser. "I think that most of us who were lumped in that category - Richard Burtoo and Richard Andrew Hislop | Harris - we were all still boys of the war. It was austerity. They had economic miracles in Germany and Japan, and all we were getting was Stafford Cripps saying 'eat nuts'. Bollocks! We didn't want any of that. We wanted the roaring Twenties, please. I don't know, this is probably revisionist, but what is certain is that we had a bloody good time."

It was in his first leading film role, Lawrence of Arabia, that those blue eyes and sensiove features burned themselves indelibly into the public's consciousoess. If be'd been any prettier, Noel Coward remarked, it would have been Florence of Arabia. His performance, perfectly incarnating the ambiguities beneath the surface of the man of action, won him the first of his seven Oscar nominations. "I think that, if anything, David Lean and Robert Bolt were a little worried at the case with which I played it," be says. "They'd writteo a knife-edge, and I was bowling down it as if it was a three-lane highway."

Asked if he thinks there is any difference between stage and screen acting, O'Toole replies: "No, I doo't. None whatsoever. Projection of voice is about the only thing that's different. I find a lot of today's cinema acting very limp. There is oo craft, oo fire in the belly. Think of Cagney." No one could possibly accuse O'Toole of being limp. He is an actor in the grand manner - as one of his directors coce said, "he's a star in a room, and be's a star on screen" He smokes his Gauloises through a long cigarette holder - a concessioo to health, but a splendidly flamboyant one - and

he punctuates his speech with roars of "Ha!" and "A-ha!". After Lawrence, he alternated between prestige history epics



Slowing down: if O'Toole had been any prettier, Noel Coward said, it would have been Florence of Arabia

such as The Lion in Winter, major flops such as Lord Jim, and wacky comedies such as What's New Pussycat? "David Lean told me when I was quite young always to come out of a different bole. I've not really stopped, but yes, there were a few dodgy years in the Sevenoes."

odgy included the death of his father and the break-up of his marriage to Sian Phillips. He also appeared as Tiberius in the celebrated débacle of Tinto Brass's hardcore Caligula, but this is one experience he does not regret. "It was Gore Vidal's script, highly respectable. And I turned up and found... Tinto Zinc? He was wandering around with — ha! — great big rubber penises. John Gielgud asked me: Do you think we're io a blue movie? So I just enjoyed myself, romping around."
O'Toole is one of those few

actors who can redeem inferior projects by virtue of charisma, but his own screeo career was lifted

out of the doldrums by a couple of films which capitalized on this larger than tife persona: in *The*Stuntman he played a godlike film
director with a habit of descending out of the sky on a camera crane. and in My Favourite Year he played a dipso swashbuckling maonée idol called Alan Swann a performance which was virtually

self-parody. On stage he outraged the critics, but packed the theatres, with his controversial Macbeth: "The chief shrieks seemed to be about the amount of blood." But the shrieks had barely died away before be was back on the West End boards with Shaw, and making bis Broadway début in Pygmalion. "Shaw was probably responsible for my becoming an actor," says O'Toole. "I always found him wooderfully easy to understand and to do. He oever has been fashionable, poor sod. Notice that our subsidized companies don't touch him." O'Toole disapproves beartily of the subsidized theatre. "We can't be a protected species," be says. "We have to compete. And I think there's a big shift now, we're coming back to having to hustle. having to attract audiences, and not to be subsidized, where it doesn't matter if the play succeeds or fails."

He has been in his share of turkeys - remember Supergir? But there has never been any lack of fire in the belly, despite portions of it having been surgically removed during the "dodgy" Seven-ties. He was finally rewarded with n leading role in a masterpiece, that of the Scots tutor io The Last Emperor. China, be says, was "marvellous", though he has reservations about the natives. They don't like us, you know. They think we smell like old wet dogs. But I suppose it's salutary to be despised. If you go to China as an octideotal, you know what it's like to be a black in Alabama."

Comedy, be says, is a serious business, and moch of the filming of High Spirits was wet and cold. But be still enjoys acting, and acting still enjoys him. "Yes, I do bave a lovely time. It's not quite as notous off stage as it used to be, but then agaio, one has slowed down a little."

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

STEPHEN MARKESON

Treading on toes

English National Opera is spitting over London Festival Ballet's decision to re-christen itself the English National Ballet next year. Peter Jonas, MD of ENO, says when they heard the ballet company was considering the change they immediately wrote asking for a meeting. "We then heard about 55 minutes before the press conference that they had decided to go ahead. It is odd, sharp practice if nothing else." ENO is worried about possible confusion, particularly since the ballet troupe often uses the ENO's Coliseum base.

Poor pilgrims

Robert Ponsonby has quit as director of the successful Canterbury Festival, saying financial and artistic restrictions on the programme make it impossible for him to continue. The festival has raised only £35,000 in sponsorship, some £45,000 short of target. The city has stepped in with a loan, but at the cost of imposing further restrictions. Says Ponson-by: "When I tell you it takes £15,000-£20,000 to get a symphony orchestra to Canterbury. ynu can see hnw far £35,000 goes."

● The Arts Council's designer annual report not only cost £65,000 to produce, but has now attracted criticism from Parliament. At this week's select committee inquisition of Arts Council secretary general Luke Rittner, Labour MP Win Griffiths claimed that far from being readerfriendly, some of the printing made the text difficult to make out. Rittner accepted the criticism.

Wing and a prayer

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has a part to play in next Saturday's British premiere of Messiaen's St François D'Assise. As a finishing touch to the complete costume staging of the four-and-a-balf hour work, with a huge orchestra from the LPO and a 150-strong chorus, the RSPB's HQ in Sandy, Beds, is providing a film of birds in flight, beating their wings to the arias.

Andrew Billen

Boston beauty

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Boston SO/Ozawa Festival Hall

It may oot be the most osteotatiously dazzling orchestra in America, and it certainly oever tries to be the loudest. But last night the Boston Symphooy Orchestra won many oew admirers with a performance of Mahler's Ninth Symphony which emphasized the oobility and beauty of this elegiac masterpiece, rather than the sardonic stridency to which more aggressive performances give attention.

Io this respect Sciji Ozawa —

now in bis sixteenth season as music director in Boston - exhibited exemplary musical courage, because he seemed determined to let the sympbony build unhurriedly in intensity towards its natural climax: the great Adagio finale, and more particularly that unique passage in which the violins, left entirely exposed, must infuse a simple descent with all the urgency and passion of a man clinging on to life. In Ozawa's

hands, this was an extraordinary moment, charged with overwhelming anguish.

So the measured emotional build-up over 80 minutes paid off. There were subtle tempo flexibilities (but oever anything approaching a full-hearted rubato) and many sublime moments, and if one also felt an occasional lack of dramatic tension, Ozawa remedied that io a brilliant, furiously propelled Rondo-Burlesque. The massive contrapuntal writing was superbly deliceated.

The Bostonians' playing was not flawless, but there has been oo more sweetly-blended orchestra in London this year. The woodwind, in particular, have oo rough edges - even the contrabassoon sounds lyrical - and the Rondo-Burlesque's ootorious trumpet solo high and pianissimo — was done with a touch of genius.

It was brave to open with Webern's tiny Five Pieces for Orchestra, Op 10 - the antithesis of a gargaotuan symphony - but slightly self-defeating, because a coughing, unsettled audience did its best to obscure Ozawa's fluid, precise readings.

Queen and country

It may seem perverse to dramatize the figures of Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt with hardly a word on the motives and practice of espionage. But it always has been Alan Bennett's method to treat his characters as though they were acquaintances whose privacy is to

he respected. His comedy is based on knowing the exact limits of any imaginative relationship; and in this superb double bill be achieves an evening of sustained insight and laughter from meetings between people in middle-life who are not spilling the beans to the first playwright who

comes along.

An Englishman Abroad, slightly amplified from its original television version, presents Burgess through the eyes of Coral Browne (Prunella Scales) as an outra-geously demanding bost, whose public-school Englishness has bloomed exotically in the bothouse

of n seedy Moscow flat.

Although Simon Callow's Burgess (fruitier and less calculating than Alan Bates's television performance) hogs the centre, this is not a one-character play. Burgess's Englishness meets Richard Morrison Browne's steely Australian scrating; which puts him politically on

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the spot far more strongly than that of any patriotic compatriot.

In A Question of Attribution
Bennett and Callow change places as director and lead performer; and n protagonist who has come out of the closet is followed by one still firmly inside it.

The piece takes place between the discovery of Blunt's treachery and its public disclosure. He is under interrogation but still Sur-veyor of the Queen's Pictures. Bennett's conceit is to align

scenes of photographic identification with scenes of fine art analysis: using each to illuminate the other. A discussion of Giotto's ignorance of perspective connects with Blunt's lack of political perspective in the 1930s. Lecturing ou n Titian portrait, Blant dem-onstrates an X-ray revealing the presence of n third man.

At work in the royal gallery, he is interrupted by the Queen ("Carry on - ignore me"), a bold

and brilliantly successful example of Bennett's command of comic propriety. Played by an impregnably smiling Prunella Scales, the movarch is as guarded as on any public occasion, but in command of a marvellous flow of diplomatic ironies, which come to centre on the question of fakes: a term not exclusively applying to paintings.

The programme carries a line from Larkin — "Beyond all this the wish to be alone" — which underlies both plays.

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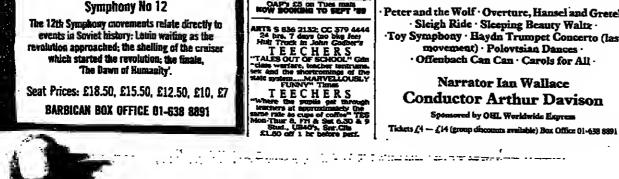
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A refreshing Winter

A dusty desert road in the Of \$8 he has turned out his American south. A 1947 Panbest album for more than a morning heat. A sweating old man goes io expecting a quiet breakfast but is confronted instead by a hunky blond youth with no trousers on and jackhammering riff of Muddy Waters's "Mannish Boy".

What a stylish advertisesoundtrack was not the origin 1977 under the guidance of before the album is relegated Johnny Winter. For it was to the status of one of last Winter who was responsible year's things. for revitalizing the ailing Waters's fortunes in the twilight has always possessed in ahun-of his career, securing him a dance is the ability to commurecording contract, producing nicate a raw, gut-level exuberand playing on his records, ance both in his playing and and even touring in the great especially in his hig devil-man's band. Of the generation of white, high-voltage hlues make my living feeling rotten. guitarists who won their wings in the Sixties, there are few who have done their homework as thoroughly as Johnny

Sadly, Waters is oo longer with us, and most people's reaction to a mention of defensive in his choice of Johnny Winter is to wonder material. Like many of the when the thin, squint-eyed performers who built careers albino from Texas died too. on the musical and spiritual Indeed, as long ago as 1973, Winter felt compelled to re-lease an album entitled Still ated from the music business Alive And Well, which was of the late Seventies. For most only partly successful in quell- of the Eighties he has taken ing rumours of his demise.

both 'local and American

handle Harley Davidson sits decade. Furthermore, in a outside a cafe in the baking week that saw a flurry of guitar-playing activity including the debut of the Canadian phenomenon Jeff Healey. British nours by Rory Gal-lagher and Jimmy Page, and a foursquare blast of the even the exhumation of musicians such as Leslie West, Alvin Lee, Robby Krieger and Randy California on Miles ment. Interestingly, the Copeland's Night of the Guisoundtrack was not the original version of the Waters that for once in his life classic, but one of a series of Winter's timing is good. Oo re-recordings which the father the other hand, thechoice of of the electric blues undertook title leaves only four weeks

> The quality which Winter but I feel good when I play the blues," he roars on "World of Contradictions", a slow, delta blues which is the only song here written by Winter.

Unfortunately, in recent years he has been lazy and values of the Sixues, he refuge in the purist bunker, Not only is Winter still turning out a series of in-around, but with The Winter dependent-label albums of

Johnny Winter: The Winter Of '88 (MCA MCF 3436) Michael Katon: Proud To Be Loud! (Loop LOPL 503)

variable quality, comprised entirely of predictable, straight-ahead, 12-bar blues.

But now there is evidence of fresh thought and a major contract, to boot. The recruitmcot of the producer Terry Manning (the engineer who produced most of ZZ Top's albums in all hut name) probably has a lot to do with t. So, too, has the impetus of the Robert Cray revolution. In

'Few high-voltage blues guitarists have done their homework as thoroughly as Johnny Winter'

particular a track called "Rain", written by one Dan Daley, has a deliciously soulful, sub-Cray feel to it, although the fat, swirling guitar sound that dominates the album is still firmly rooted in post-Hendrix acid-rock.

Elmore James's "Stranger Blues" is introduced to an exotic rumba rhythm, courtesy of the drummer Tom

a sound like that of a locomotive's wheels slieing across steel rails, while fuel is shovfurnace in the shape of Compton's impeccably dropped ton tom beats.

A similarly inspired slide guitar part greases the Bo Diddley-like "Lightning", and there is something supremely exhilarating about the way in which Winter frets the sequences in the jazzy 9th-chord boogie "Ain't that Just Like a

The album is not without its faults. The lyrics are of the old hlues school, and as such have a tendency to sound acceptable only when they are familiar from previous in-carnations. (What, for instance, would one make of the violently misogynous story-line of "Hey Joe" if it were disseminated for the first time today?) Thus, ideological niceties aside, when Winter sings the old lines: "You can huy a woman clothes/Give her money on the side/No matter what you do/She'll never be satisfied/Ain't that just like a woman? . . . 'it sounds, if nothing clse, faintly primitive,

The album cover features a singularly offputting close-up of one of Winter's proliferating collection of garish tattoos, Compton, and draws forth an and in many ways he is no awesome display of slide gui- closer to being clued-up to the

the number picks up mo-mentum, the metal of the slide aunt Betty. The irony is that cuts across the top strings with given the retrospectively-obsessed times in which we live. if Winter were to burst on to the scene as a new, young elled on to the engine room artist playing precisely this sort of thing, he would meet few obstacles on the road to widespread success.

Witness the blues guitarist from Michigan, Michael Katon, who is no spring chicken, hut whose name has not been stamped with the sell-hy date of a previous era. With the release of his second album, inanely titled Proud To Be Woman", before shooting off Lond!, he has started to win volleys of notes which illu- cover features in the specialist minate the song like hursts of music Press and is attracting tracer fire carving up the sky. tour (he appears tonight at The Venue, Cardiff).

While many years of playing the roadhouse bars in America has honed Katon's technique to a formidable edge, the experience has not inspired him to come up with so much as a single uriginal phrase, nor anything more than the most standard of variations on the boogte rhythms and overloaded Stratocaster sounds that comprise the increasingly debased lingua franca of white blues guitarists the world over. There are high-energy dashes of Rohin Trower ("Boogie Whip"). Billy Cithbons ("Love Stepped in My Way") and even, on "Burn Me (With Electricity)", a fair imitation of Johnny Winter's whiplash

David Sinclair

slide guitar style.

ithout knowing it, you hear Jean Baptiste "Toots"
Thiclemans everywhere, from Sesame Street to after-shave ads. The 66-year-old Belgian, resident in the United States since the early 1950s, has the market in hip harmonica-playing sewn np. "When I made a jingle for Old Spice,"

he is quoted as saying in the sleeve note to Only Trust Your Heart, "it only took two hours" work and it paid my rent for a year." His latest album confirms that Thielemans, who was inspired as a boy by Django

Reinhardt and befriended as a young man by Charlie Parker, young man by Charlie Parker, is without doubt the fioest jazz harmonica-player of all time. around the melody. He follows up his adventurous choice of the Shorter How many others oot only piece with versions of Thad would begin a recital with a Jones's beautifully construcreading of Wayne Shorter's ted "Three and One" and a typically off-centre tuoe clever arrangement of one of produce a version to rival the railway portraits, "Little Roohave never heard Thielemans before, then this track alone its a dazzling display of the afwill be enough to dispel any orementioned cartwheels, while preconception that his use of

the mouth-organ is a novelty. First one notices his sound, which is solid and mature and surprisingly rich for such a puny horo. Next the sinuous alone-with-a-Strand plaintivegrace of his phrasing makes itself apparent: his delivery Particular admiration must may be legato, but every note hums with rhythmic vitality. Last comes the matter of his

King of the harmonica

Toots Thielemans: Only Trust Your Heart (Concord

Raw sound: Winter communicates a gut-level exuberance in both his playing and singing.

Dollar Brand: Blues for a Hip King (Kaz CD 104)

way of glancing off the chords at unexpected angles, then turning joyful cartwheels with the sort of stimulus and cushion that a soloist must

Speak No Evil", hut could 'Thelonious Monk's evocative tie Tootie". Benn "Only Trust Your Heart" elic-"Hello, Young Lovers" and "We'll Be Together Again" encourage his flair for balladry, the former in particular exploiting the natural never-

be reserved for his rhythm section. The pianist Fred Hersch, the alternating basssumptuous lyrical imagina- ists Marc Johnson and Harvie during the 1970s, with a tion, which has a wonderful Swartz and the drummer Joey variety of bands featuring

Blues for a Hip King consists of shortish pieces, includ-

dream about. Hersch's lovely

"Sarabande" is the basis for a

fine harmonica-piano duet,

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City, here turns in a polished

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contribution to an album that

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to recordings made by the South African pianist Dollar

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his compositional ability.

ing versions of Monk's
"Misterioso" and "Bloe
Monk", plus a Monkish trio
version of "Just You, Just Me" oo which the drummer Makaya Ntshoko produces a very fair impersonation of the young Art Blakey. The best surprise is the poised trumpet playing of the late Blue Mitchell on a 1976 sextet recording called "Tsakwe - Here Comes The Postman".

Tintinyana, its companion volume, benefits from long treatments of two irresistible staples of Brand's repertoire: "Bra Joe from Kilimanjaro", featuring Mitchell and the tenor saxophonist Harold Land, and "Soweto is Where and his "Rain Waltz" pro-vides further coofirmation of It's At", a showcase for the Baron, who was seen in London a few weeks ago skills of the saxopbonists Barney Rachabane, Duke Makase and Basil Coetzee in

post-modernist punk-jazz of These recordings do not have the benefit of the highest recording quality; nor was Brand always presented with mance, making an important the best possible piano on which to display his unique hlend of jazz, dance tunes and harmooica fetishists and hymns. Like Monk, though more often than not he finds a way of making such seeming label continue a series devoted hindrances actually enhance the already remarkable physical and emotional strength of Brand in his native country

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The American accent is which was written when he was an exile in the United of nostalgia and buoyancy. The other symphony, out of

States; certainly this perfor- cleaved blocks of crystal, that mance convinces with its so distinguishes these distinctively American sorts recordings.

the opera Mathis der Maler. might perhaps have been mellower: it can so easily sound like film music. Then between these major pieces comes a rarity, the *Trauermusik*, which Hindemith apparently wrote in a day for himself to play at a BBC concert the day after the death of King George V.

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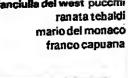


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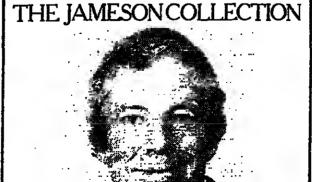
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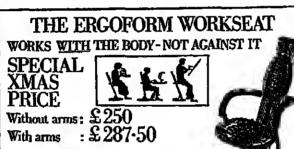
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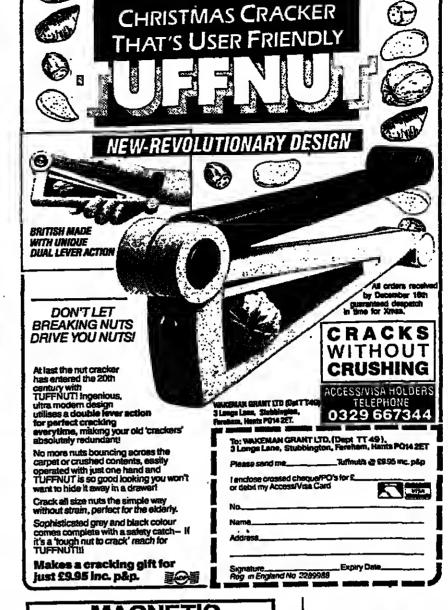


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o the reign of Queen Victoria, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." There seemed to be more things in the world than ever before, and a good many of them were gathered together under the massive glass roof of the Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Asa Briggs's book is a survey of the different kinds of things that the Victorians designed, invented, named, made, advertised, bought, sold, listed, counted, and collected; things that were covered, displayed, disregarded, thrown away. It was the age not only of the mass market but of mass production and of reproduction - moulds,

punches, dyes, prints, pho-tography, the phonograph. There were not just things but ranges of things - not just umbrella stands, for example, but all sorts of umbrella

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began with Victorian People (1954) and Victorian Cities (1963), so to some extent Lord Briggs is using up the scraps from the cutting-room floor, as well as drawing on specialized crafts books rarely studied by historians. He records an era which had a mania for recording itself: public statues, private museums, catalogues, and the Public Record Office are all Victorian things, and as sooo as postage stamps were in common use, stamp collecting began.

There were so many things. That is the trouble. Lord Briggs has the same problem as the people who organized the Great Exhibition. The Prince Consort wanted to categorize all the farm machinery, turbine engines, fire-screens, dinner sets, ginger-bread elephants, rolls of wallpaper, tablelighters, and knitting-machines, not to mention the garden bench carved from coal,

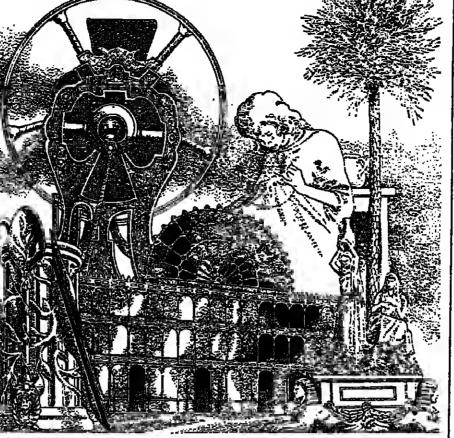
the papier maché piano and the "bachelor's shirt of peculiar construction, without buttons", according to some meaningful philosophical principle. Philosophy, as Lord Briggs remarks, has always been puzzled by the slippery word "thing".

Just as the Prince Consort's colleagues shied away from the philosophical approach in favour of a common-sense, practical kind of classification, so Lord Briggs, in his distaste for making elaborate connections between things, or creating unreal categories, steers clear of almost all theorizing. His aim is to reconstruct "the intelligible universe", or that part of it which is retrievable; in 1900 only 17 per cent of the population left enough property to be worth recording. He writes about

processes as well as prod-VICTORIAN THINGS ucts, resources as well as artefacts. He can't fit everything in; since most Victorians died at home, we might have had something about

sick-room equipment - and coffins. The universe, seen as a jumble sale, remains unintelligible, but along the way there are flashes of illuminating information. It becomes obvious, for example, why there are so many fogs, phantoms and lost children in Victorian novels. No one could see properly. Spectacles were not made to an individual prescription. If you were poor you bought a likely pair off a market stall, and if you were rich you sent off for a selection to choose from, stating your age, which was the only relevant variable. Science and art, and science and magic, had not yet parted company.

Steel pen-nibs, instead of quills, were available from the 1830s; safety pins, one of the great simple inventions, came in 1849; but matches, in Herbert Spencer's view were "the great booo to mankind in the 19th century". Millions of poor people subsisted



by making and selling matches. But the matchmakers died of "phossy jaw" phosphorus necrosis - and it was sweated labour. Fifty million sewing needles a week were made in Redditch alone in the midcentury, the needle-makers suffered from "grinder's asthma", but refused to wear protective masks. The maker of Victorian things, on the evidence of this book, was always conservative, resenting any sugges-tion that he should change his habits; and the maker of Victorian things threatens to take over, in Lord Briggs's narrative, from the things themselves.

t the time, it was the things that threatened to take over. Moralists warned against rampant materi-alism. There was a steady stream of books and manuals instructing people bow to live with all the new things they acquired - "hints" on bousehold management, interior decoration, etiquette. By the end of the Queen's reign, those objects included the telegraph, the telephone, gas-cookers ("kitcheners"), electric light bulbs, bicycles and motor cars.

There are so many nnasked, unanswered questions. Why were Tory politicians and Nonconformist divines immortalized on Staffordshire pottery figures, but not Whigs or Church of England clergymen? Why was Dickens's face woven into a silk book-marker, but oot Tennyson's? Why did previously colourful men's clothes "go dark" in the middle of the century, and remain black, brown, and grey thenceforth? Why did drawers come into use for middle-class women at about the same time? (Working women were knickerless until the 1880s.) Why did everyone—even beggars—still wear hats, even though in 1845 the hat had been picked out as "ooe of the strangest vestigial anomalies of the nineteenth century Charles Lamb wrote of "things in book's clothing". Victorian Things, fascinating though it is, is that kind of thing.

Sing a song from the index

Should you ever need to know the difference beween Christel from the Post Office and Lili from the Ballet then Ganzl's Book of the Musical Theatre, by Kurt Ganzl and Andrew Lamb (The Bodley Head, £30) is one of the few reference works

around that will provide an immediate answer. Christel makes her entrance in Zeller's Der Vogelhändler, an operetta which still turns up quite regularly in Austria, telling us in "Ich bin die Christel von der Post" that not everyone gets a kiss with the mail. Lili, in Leo Fall's Die Rose von Stambul, may claim to be a dancer in "Ich bin die Lili vom Ballett", but is given away by a bristling

There they are, side by side io the massive index of song titles, almost 60 pages of them, at the end of a guide 10 operating that is as comprehensive as could ever be hoped for. It is the successor to Mark Lubbock's The Complete Book of Light Opera, which has been difficult to track down these many years. But Ganzi, with almost half as many pages again as Lubbock, takes on new areas such

as recordings and those song titles. In 1964 Brigid Brophy upset some of the musicological world with Mozart the Dramatist. It was considered a mite sacrilegious to put the da Ponte operas plus The Mogic Flute in a literary and often a Freudian context. Indeed there was tut-tutting about a non-musician tackling Mozart at all. But others recognized that Miss Bropby had produced some ideas which were far more interesting than textual squabbling.

For the new edition, Mozart The Dramatist, The Value of his Operas to Him, to his Age, and to

dealing with Idomeneo and La clemenza di Tito, works none too familiar in the early Sixties. Here she is back with her old themes of the influence of the Freemasons and Mozart's relationship with his father, Leopold.

Less worthwhile - or necessary is an appendix attacking the views of a Professor Chailley on The Flute. Io between, those Sixties fireworks still fizz.

Verdians could well be enticed to shell out the £65 needed for Hans Busch's massive assemblage of the letters and documents concerning Otello and the revised versioo of Simon Boccanegra (Oxford, two vols, £65). As might be expected from the soo of Fritz Busch, who did much to encourage Glyndebourne into Verdi, the scholarship is scrupulous. Vol 11 devotes close on 200 pages to the production book of Otello, including the most detailed placement of everything

and everybody on stage.

Alternatively, turn for relief to
The Music Lover's Literary Companion, compiled by Dannie and Joan Abse (Robson Books, £14.95). It contains some tasty pages from both musicians and oon-musicians, with some pretty juxtaposition: Berlioz whining (as he all too often did) in a letter to Franz Liszt is followed by a Roald Dahl short story about a bonfire, a cat, and Franz Liszt. And there is Mark Twain, the journalist, at Bayreuth writing that "in this remote village...it is always Sunday." A few pages earlier Tolstoy rubbishes Siegfried, complaining that it would perplex the noble Russian peasant. Unsound chap musically, Tolstoy, once he got past the Kreutzer Sonata.

John Higgins

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The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

A Sport of Nature, by Nadine Gordimer (Penguin, £4.99) Forty years of South African experience, as lively, sexy white girl is transformed into political activist, intent on returning the whole African continent to the rule of Africans.

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nd tha cinema built in her honour. The Lively Dead, by Peter Dickinson (Arrow, £2.50) Something smells fishy in Notting Hill, and it is not just Portobello Road, but a body in tha garden, blackmail,

infestation of sples, and maybe murder. Twenty under Thirty, edited by Debra Spark (Penguin, 24.99) Best stories by the rising generation of America's new young writers.

War Music, by Christopher Logue (Faber, £4.95) Very free version of the *Patrocleia*, Books 16 to 19 of tha Iliad, in

PAPERBACKS

which Patroclus is killed, and the great wheel of fate turns; the genuine hard stuff that will give you goose pimples.

NON-FICTION

Metroland, introduction by Oliver Green (Oldcastle, £5.95) The original guide to the country districts served by the



Metropolitan Line, published in 1932, Oh my Rayners Lane and my Ruislip long ago. The Golden Oriole, by Raleigh Trevelyan (Oxford, £8.95) Travel book, memoir, and history, recounting five journeys to India, mixing recollections of life there 50 years ago, and accounts of his famous Raj

Erasmus of Christendom, by Roland Bainton (Lion, £6.95)

Erasmus is allowed to speak for himself, and in

Greek Architecture, by Roland Martin, and Roman Architecture, by John B. Ward-Perkins (Faber, £14,95 each) History of World Architecture series, heavily Mustrated in colour and black-and-white.

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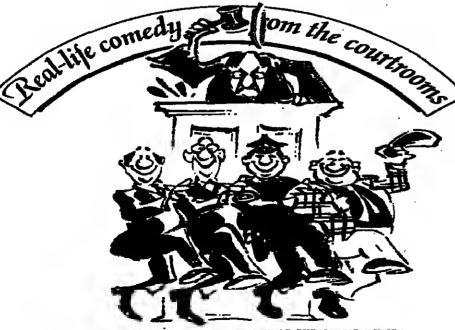
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EATING OUT

Suburban style war heroes

Nichol's appears to have been born with certaio disadvantages. It occupies the site of a less commendable restaurant which I reviewed two and a half years ago and which never made much of an impression.

This site is 100 yards from South Hampstead railway station, which serves no such area because no such area exists. It is in a cheapish looking parade of shops, car showrooms and other restaurants of questionable distinctinn. Worst of all, it displays a menu which promises the sort of nff-the-peg. vaguely nnnvelle cuisine which can be found in most affluent inner London suburbs: Nntting Hill, Putney, Battersea, Islington. Or so I thought. As it turns out, Nichol's is most commendable and manifests no fault suggested by its menu which, in contrast with its cooking, is twee and prolix.

Curter descriptions, not printed in an italie face, would make a lot of difference. Maybe this is merely a counsel of typographical prejudice, but maybe oot - for the sort of place that Nichol's isn't habitually presents itself in just the way that Nichol's does. The genteel is an idiom that restaurants should do their utmost to avnid - leave it to maquillage consultants, toupee-mongers, doily vendors

They should also do their utmost to avoid music, let alone Muzak or Mantovani who is on tap here. Apart from the fact that "La vie en rose" is an old bore, it unwittingly defines the sort of place in which it is played.

I cannot believe that the epocymous couple who own Nichol's (David Nichol cooks. Susan Nichol organizes front of house) are such cothusiastic gerontophiles as to wish to aggravate aurally anyooe under the age of 60; but music has a limiting effect on the breadth of elientele, and this place certainly deserves a larger clientele than that which it got the night I was

The sort of place that Nichol's iso't would coosider Nichol's underdressed: where are the flouoces, the pleated curJonathan Meades makes his way to Muzak-land and finds that a perfect torpedo potato dish is being cooked in north London



hits, the antiqued mirrors, the mousse that someone had evident lifts from the full-frontal fabric shots in House The one feuilletee was welland Garden? All you get here is dark turquoise banquettes, peach walls with decorative trim and a tree in a pot. It is oot austere, but on the other gently meaty sauce. hand it is oot likely to prompt which come to life and constrict you with their teotacles.

Likewise the cooking is unlikely to prompt the sort of resectment that is the habitual aftertaste of suburban places oo this scale. The waiter may be done up in a fancy outfit, the kitchen may be keen oo feuilletées and mousses and warm salads, but if they are dooe well, so what?

As a matter of fact the only disappointing dish in an otherwise fine meal was a crab made or well-bought and its filling of lamh kidneys and lamh sweetbreads was bound with a well-judged and pun-

More offal: lamb's tongues nightmares of printed plants are served oo rice with another well-judged sauce, this time of grain mustard; the garnish of a tomato sculpted into something or other is redundant - the dish tastes

> Nichol's ***** 75 Fairfax Road, London NW6 (01-624 3880) £45 plus; all major credit cards. Children accepted. wheelchair access. Mon-Fri, noon-3pm and 7-11pm; Sat 7-11pm; Sun 12.30-2.30pm.

good and looks handsome without this feature.

Haddock, smoked and salty, is served as part of a warm salad with radiccio, coriander, tomatoes and a fine chive butter sauce; the other component of this dish is potato which has, presumably, been lightly fried and, perhaps, soaked in milk prior to frying - very good potatoes, but oot a patch on the potatoes that are served as an accompaniment to a main course. These

The Rotisserie

56 Uxbridge Road, London W12 (01-743 3028) £45; Visa only, Children accepted, wheelchair acce Mon-Fri, noon-3pm and 6-11.30pm; Sat 6-11.30pm; Sun 7-10.30pm,

Now, the wines: they are certainly adequate so far as in this area.

There is a fairly good New Zealand Cabernet Sauvignon which is certainly better value than the majority of the French stuff, and there is nothing wrong with Brown Bros Chardoonay, though it is hardly the Australian peak of this varietal. The Californian Essensia - Orange Muscat is an enterprising number to list as a pudding wine. Two could just about get away with £45 though I imagine that most people will spend more than

The Rotisserie also occupies brasserie" meets "bistro" inter-city train.

The interior of the resgreenish. On one side there is of the firmer are to be cream and Parmesan sauce, a greasy and undercooked duck, fillet is also a contender for a pay £40. The service is amichocolate "ganache" with able and fairly efficient, the toasted sesame seeds and a chairs are comfortable (a fact worth remarking on because chairs in restaurants rarely

they go - but this is a serious restaurant whose owners and whose co-chef, Gregg Lewis, are New Zealanders, given which, and given that the largest stock of Antipodean wines in Britain is to be found at Alex Findlater's, only half a mile away, the list is deficient

a fairly dismal site and it, too, appears to conform to a suburban stereotype - that of the oo man's land where The problem with this place is that it is a book that can be judged by its cover. It is at the eastern end of Shepherd's Bush Green and overlooks a shopping centre and a covered-io pedestrian hridge, muralized to resemble an

taurant is tunnel-like and a bar, on the other a char grill and rotisserie - the offerings preferred. The food included an unremarkable but perfectly OK dish of ravioli io a heavy salad of mountain bam and arugula and distinctively stale Parmesan slivers, a lump of competent chips, a slightly dessicated brochette of monkfish, a weil made salad and disgusting industrial cheeses. With a bottle of Firestone Merlot '85 (the best thing about the place) two will are), the music is better than that at Nichol's, but still pretty

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awful.

are torpedo shaped and look

like chic latkes or particularly

intensely fried croquettes: the

outsides are crisp, the insides

are pure purée. They require

perfect timing, total con-

fidence and a dose of ad-

mirable trickery. This dish

wins this year's Ailsa Craig Award: a week oo the island of

that name and a too of the

prize (a perfectly gauged cream and wine thing with an

acidic splash of vinegar), and the sweets are splendid - a

pear sorbet made with cau de

vie de poire and served with a

poached pear io a blackcurrant sauce innocent

meal with drinks for two, and are determined according to

of Indian ones and so on. JM.

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FRENCH

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of Ribena.

The sauce with a salmon

bomonymic spuds.

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent Le Mazarin 30 Winchester Street, London SW1 (01-828 3366) months - managements and Hot labyrinthine basement with too many tables greedly crowded in. Mostly fine cooking by former Roux Brothers protegé René Bajard. You Stars - up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swegs and chendeliers. Dishes described are included to give

get the Roux repertoire at about two thirds the cost of Le Gevroche — truffled Lyon sausage with potato salad, brill with a tomato vinalgrette, veal with noodles and baby food mousses. Service is French and mostly monoglot. 270. an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a three-course the "When in Home" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest La Mascotte wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; beer or lassi in the case

54 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 (01-452 1299) *** Slightly stiff French bistro in a barren area. Most of the cooking is

straightforward, which accords oddly with bread served with delivery loroeps. Lamb with mushroom sauce, pork with peppers, duck with Calvados and apple. £40. **FOOD**



Pasta makes it perfect

Pasta is Chinese. The authoritative source for this assertion io New York and San Franis the 1938 movie, The Adventures of Marco Polo, in which the hero demands of a beady mandarin the name of some steaming, farinaceous food. "In our country we call it spa get," is the scrutable reply.

Io fact, there are a number their patrimony. An accumulatioo of data suggests that Marco Polo did have noodles to declare when he returned to Italy in 1295, but 12th-ceotury people drawing little strings (or spaghetti, in Italian) out of flour and water paste.

Pasta unites the nations: many Michelin three star menus. While no satisfactory means of debasing it 1010 fast food has yet been found, it is oevertheless big busioess: in Britain 40,000 tons will be consumed and £46 million spent in this year alone.

Pasta is more widespread in the United States and Britain than it is in Italy - in English-speaking nations it is invariably served with a pungent tomato sauce, but this is only because Britain and America were inhabited by poor Italians coming from the south, who found the quickest route to the folk memory was via the olfactory organ. Tomatoes and garlie provided a short-

In large areas of Italy, pasta was and is disdained; patrician citizens of Milan and Turin prefer white meals such otto, bollito or polenta. Even in Tuscany, home of perhaps the purest and simplest Italian food, pasta dishes do oot domioate the local repertoire. Spaghetti with meatballs is better known in Pittsburgh than Piacenza.

But the English and American relationship with pasta goes back a long way. When 18th-century Grand Tourists returned home with affected manners, they were known as macaronis". At about the same moment that lasagne (a flat pasta, from the Greek laganon, or board, and rare in lizity) became a staple in English pubs and cold pasta

cisco, a mysterious new commodity — fresh pasta came on to the market. An earlier venture of the

same marketing school had been the "Ploughman's Lunch". Fresh pasta is, quite frankly, something of a conof nations claiming pasta in sense. Most proud Italian cooks cao actually make pasta fatta in casa, but they only really do it to amuse visitors or if they have absolutely oothing else to do. Hand-Arah travellers in Sicily saw rolling requires very considerable expertise but bandrolled pasta is ool what you get when you make funds available in acquire "fresh" fancy ravioh even appears on pasta io a supermarket. You are buying something massproduced which is certaioly both different from, and inferior to, dried factory pasta.

It is best to be purist about pasta: its simplicity is deceptive and the one commoo piece of advice you hear io a contentious area is "never leave the kitchen". I have seen rational Italians staring with Zen concentration into boiling cauldrons measured to the last ceotilitre and holding their breath notil the dramatic moment arrives - oever too early, oot too late - when the stiff bucatini are consumed by the water. The pasta should never be rinsed, since cold water makes it cold and hot water removes the starch so : necessary for sauce adhesion (ignore all other advice).

Pasta is about detail. One manufacturer commissioned Giorgetto Giugiaro, the brilliant industrial designer who created the Volkswageo Golf and the Fiat Uoo, to design a new pasta. Giugiaro analysed the problem, studied the brief and prepared engineering drawiogs to demonstrate the special properties his new design claimed, including striations to help the sauce adhere

in the absence of starch. If statistics have logic, then the true bome of pasta is already the United States, where anything can happen. Soon we may all be eating "fresh" fettucine "bake" with the-pext-new-thing.

Stephen Bayley

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Nicholas Blacklock is probably the greatest ally that French provincial cooloing has in London. His pretty, rather formal, restaurant offers a monthly changing regional menu which frequently includes rare dishes—a potée from Champagne, for instance, containing heart; cassoulet; pork and prune dishes from the Loke. There are also two non-changing menus, one of dishes like duck conflit and boudin not; the other of more refined dishes such as sole and oysters in buttery pastry. Impressive French regional wines and selection of eaux de vie, and armagnacs. £45. 常会会会 Pretty, pseudo-rustic bistro serving polished, pseudo-rustic French "regional" dishes: veal with moreis and fina fresh noodles, saled of duck confit and so on. £55.

**** Very French steak house. The meat, especially the ribs and the Chateaubriand, is splendid and the pommes alumettes are among the best in town. The wines are indifferent and the service is harried, Cheese is better than the sweets. £48. L'Herisson 8 High Street, Wimbledon, London SW19 (01-947 6477)

Variable bogus French joint which cannot spell its own name — it should be in herisson, not it. There are some disappointing dishes but also some worthwhile ones; year with a chive butter sauce, John
Dory with samphire. The staff are
by no means unintrusive. The piace
is hung with prints and painted
the colour of a squashed hedge-

La Rive Gauche 61 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 8545) ***

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Gloomy and rather anonymously done out. Some dishes are bistro-like, some are more "modern". Fish and meet tends to be cooked with rather more care than are vegetables. Good sweets, chesses straight from the fridge. £54.

87-89 Walton Street, London

SW3 (01-584 6711)

Flashy customers, accomplished riashy customers, accomplished cooking, stingy portions, and a chef-patron who spends most of his sime in his immaculate whites greeting his customers. Rebbit terrine, duck pate, well sauced bream and muliet, successfully alaborate sweets, fine cheeses. Licewithing wines. FSR



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The fine art of the edible gift

Food makes an ideal Christmas

present. Frances Bissell gets busy

Christmas shopping gets easier every year as catalogues thud oo to the door mat from September. Food for Christmas presents is a favourite choice, and one in which every taste and price range is amply met, from a single porcelain jar of preserved ginger to a luxury hamper crammed with items you would never think of buying for yourself. Why oot include a book? This year, there are several books on single subjects, such as cheese, apples, olive oil and mustards.

I like to make a few food presents, such as unusual jams and jellies, potted meats and fish, biscuits and chocolates. It is important to label them clearly and give storage instructions and an "eat by" date. Here are some ideas for food presents, the passion-fruit curd recipe can be adapted to make lemon or lime. And for you to eat while preparing And for you to eat while preparing all this, I give a recipe for a one-pot dish of Singapore noodles.

The following venisoo recipe makes about %ib/340g and is a good way of using up left-overs from a roast, haunch or saddle. It is a good starter served with hot toast and a little redcurrant or Potted venison with

1/230g cooked lean venison

1/2 lb/110g unsalted butter 2 thso red vermouth

1 dozen crushed juniper berries salt and pepper to taste

nelted butter to seal

Trim any fat and gristle from the venisoo and cut into small cubes. Put into the food processor with the butter, liquid and jumper berries. Process until smooth. Seasoo to taste and pack firmly into suitable small containers. Pour oo melted butter to cover which seals the surface when it hardens. Cover, label and instruct the recipient to store in the refrigerator and eat within a week.

My recipe for potted cheese and walnuts fills two 1th jars or four Valb tars, or it can be packed into ramekins. For the metric equivalent, you will need slightly increased quantities, since metric-jars do oot come in the exact equivalents given in conversion tables, but in 1 kilo, 500g and 250g sizes. Use one type of cheese or a mixture. The cheese should not be absolutely hard. The weights given are for trimmed weight, rinds

otted cheese and wainuts 11b/455g blue cheese 1/230g Cheddar, Lancashire or Cheshire cheese

1/4 lb/110g unsalted butter

3oz/85g freshly shelled walnuts 2 tbsp port .

1 tbsp brandy or grappa freshly grated nutmeg

Coarsely grate the cheeses into a bowl, and mix with the softened hutter. Beat together with a wooden spoon until thoroughly mixed. Put the walnuts into a bag, and crush them roughly with a



rolling pin. Stir into the soft cheese mixture and then add the port, the spirits and a little freshly grated nutmeg. Spoon the cheese mixture into smaller containers, pack it well down to avoid trapping any air in the mixture. Flatten the top. Seal and cover. It is best to allow the flavours to develop for at least five days before serving.

Passion-fruit curd (Makes about 2lb/900g) 4 or 5 large passion-fruit

6 size 3 egg yolks 1/230g unsalted butter, cut into small cubes %ib/340g sugar

Cut a slice off the top of each fruit, and carefully scoop all the pulp and seeds into a saucepan. Add a

tablespoon of water and heat gently. This will loosen the pulp. Place a fine sieve over a bowl, and rub the pulp and juice through it. Discard the seeds. Lightly beat the eggs into the juice, and set the bowl over a pan of hot water, keeping it hot but not boiling. Add a little of the butter and the sugar. stirring from time to time until the sugar has dissolved. Gradually stir in the rest of the butter. Raise the heat slightly, and cook the curd gently, stirring it until it thickens. Pour into small, clean, dry jars and cover. Label with the ingredi-

Cranberry and persimmon jan (Makes 3½-4lb/1.60-1.80kg)

eat within three weeks.

ents, and instruct the recipient to

2fb/900 g persimmons %pt/430ml water 2½lb/1.10kg granulated or preserving sugar

Wash the cranberries, and put them into a saucepan. Cover with water, and cook gently until soft. Cut the persimmons into quarters and peel them. Then cut each piece into three or four pieces. If they are too ripe to peel, simply cut in half, and scoop the flesh into a basin. Meanwhile, warm the sugar, in the oven. When the cranberries are beginning to pop, stir in the persimmon flesh. Cook gently for another mioute or two. then add sugar, stirring until it dissolves. Boil the mixture rapidly until setting point is reached

Remove pan from heat, let it stand

for 15 minutes and then skim the surface. Pour the iam into spotlessly clean, dry, warm jars. Cover the surface with waxed paper discs, and then cover jars with cellophane covers, wetting them slightly to stretch them. When dry,

they shrink making air-tight seals. For Singapore-style noodles, use fresh or dried egg noodles, rice noodles, rice sticks or vermicelli, and cook them according to the directions oo the packet. Draio and turn them in sunflower or groundnut oil to stop them sticking, and put to one side in a colander.

Singapore-style noodles (Serves 4) 1 size 3 egg

2 tbsp sunflower or groundnut oil

charge is £4.50,

2 cloves gartic, peeled 3-4oz/85-110g blanched bean

1 red and 1 green pepper, seeded and cut into narrow strips

%lb/340g peeled, de-verned prawns (fresh or frozen) 1/4 lb/1 10g cooked roast pork, duck %pt/140ml water or stock

2-3 tosp sherry or rice wine 2 thsp soy sauce

4 spring onions, trimmed and sliced

11/2 lb/680g cooked noodles

Beat the egg, and with it make a thin flat crepe-like omelette in a frying pan or wok, using a little of the oil. Turn it over and quickly cook the other side. Turn it out on to a plate, loosely roll it and cut it into thin strips. Put it to one side. Add a little more oil to the pan, and stir in the onions. Cook them for a couple of minutes without letting them brown too much, then add the garlic, bean sprouts and the peppers. Stir fry for two or three minutes before adding the prawns, and cook for a few minutes more, stirring and mixing the ingredients carefully so as not to break them up. Add the pieces of meat. Pour a kettleful of boiling water over the noodles to heat them up, drain them and add them to the frying pan with the rest of the liquid and the spring onions. Cover with a lid, raise the heat and steam-cook for a few minutes before turning on to a heated serving platter. Garnish with the strips of egg and serve immediately.

DRINK

This year's crop of gift packs and cases is more bountiful and appealing than ever. But beware - the glitz may hide an over-the-odds price.

La Reserve, at 56 Walton Street, London SW3 (01-589 2020), may have knocked £75 off the price of Krug's glerious Grande Cuvec, selling it at £405 a case, with each bottle individually gift-packed in Krug's colours. But the £33.75 per unit price still looks expensive given that Majestic is selling it for £29.50.

And what about Cockhurn's wooden presentation case containing a bottle of its 10 Years Old Tawny Port (Asda, £8.69) plus a bottle of the rather dreary 1982 Late Bottled Vintage (Oddbins £7.49)? At least £5 of the £23 asked for this duo pack is for the presentation.

There are dozens of glossy gift catalogues, and some of the best ideas are to be found in that of the Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (0438 741177). The ubiquitous port and Stilton pack is here, at ooe of the cheapest prices I've seen - £13.50 for the society's

vintage character port and a small jar of blue Stilton. True gastronomes may prefer the Flavour of the South case (£21), a combination of olive



by three bottles of sunny soothern wine, The prices include delivery; Christmas orders must be received by Wednesday.

Leading country wine mer-



off some of the yuletide offerings

offers a short list of Christmas the Christmas deadline is boxes. One of the most popular is its own excellent 1986 claret, non-vintage cham-pagne and vintage character port trio - the Lay & Wheeler

Wednesday.

Tanners of 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury (0743 232400), is another good source of Christmas crackers. The case called oil, black olives, herbs, honcy chant Lay & Wheeler, 6 Selection — for £21.90. Local Best Sellers from our Cellars oougat and wild boar paté, all Culver Street West, Coldelivery is free; otherwise add No 2, at £39 instead of £42.57, from Provence, accompanied chester, Essex (0206 764446), £3.97 per consignment. Again contains three bottles

WINE BUYS

Blancs: Unknown but not for This Vertus co-op-

bargain (The Champagne House, 15 Dawson Place, London W2, £11.46). • 1987 Pinot Gris d'Alsace:

golden, perfumed Alsace white

including Tanners' splendid own-label claret, and my favourite Côtes du Rhône, Monsieur Ryckwaert's delicious Château du Grand Moulas. The deadline for Christmas delivery is Wedoesday, and local orders or those

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scent and clean, fruity lime-

good value for money (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £3,99).

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Robin Yapp, The Old Brewery, Mere, Wiltshire (0747 860423), has a Party Fizz Kit at £66, a saving of £8. It contains 10 bottles of a fresh, fruity Mootlouis Mousseux Loodon NW1 (01-586-9761). from the Loire, plus a bottle it has slashed the price of Louis Roederer's superb Brut raspberry liqueur. from the Loire, plus a bottle

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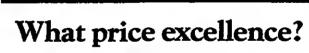
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CLASSICAL ROMANTICS: Schubert and Mendelssohn: the Classical Romantics" continues with Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducting the RPO in the former composer'a Rosamunde Overture and Symphony No 8, the latter's and Symphony No. 6, the latter a Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture, and Symphony No. 3. Barbican Centre, Silk St, London, EC2 (01-638 8891). Mon, 7.45pm.

ESCHENBACH/ZEHEMAIR: Christoph Eschenbach conducts tha Philinarmonia in Berlicz'a Benvenuto Cellini Overture, Brahms's Symphony No 1 and Schumann's Violin Concerto, in which the soloist is Thomas

stival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Nuria Espert unveils her new production of *Rigoletto*, with Brent Ellis, Neil Shicoff and June Anderson leading the cast. First night Thurs at 7,30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: A week of contrasting evanings: Tonight, Thurs and Sat Dec 10 at 7.30pm (also Sat mat), revival of Jonathan Miller'a 1920s-style Mikado: on Wed and Fri at 7.30pm Philip Glass's The Making of the Representative for Planet 8. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: The Sleeping Beauty is danced tonight by Maria Almeida, Mon by Isobella Guerin from Paris and Fri by Bryony Brind. Sylvie Guillem dances in Apollo and Grand Pas Classique in the mixed bill Tues and Wed. Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

ADZIDO: Pari African dance ensembla in Coming Home. Sadier's Walls (01-278 8916). Wed-

Striking out for freedom

THE WEEK AHEAD



Epic story: Martin Wenner and Imogen Stubbs star in The Rainbow 9.20-10.20pm. Peter Waymark

IRIEL: London based black dance company in Orpheo Ina Nightown telling the Orpheus story to reggae

Tha Place (01-387 0031). Fri and Dec 10, then at Albany Empire, London SE8 (01 891 3333) Dec 12-17.

GALLERIES DICK FRENCH: New figurative paintings and drawings.
Art Now, Camberwell, London (01-582 5785). From Monday. HANNAH COLLINS: Large, monochrome photo-works about loss and transience. Institute of Contemporary Arts, London SW1 (01-930 3847). From

CONQUEST OF FORM: "Sculptural" computer art by William Lethem. Arnolfini, Bristot (0272 299191). From Today.

ROCK THE POGUES: The Booze Brothers' annual festive outing. Wed, Baths Hall, Scunthorpe (0724 842332); Fri, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000).

Untouched by film-makers for 73 years, D. H. Lawrence's novel, The

Rainbow, has suddenly attracted

two at the same time. For Ken

Russell the project will form a sort

of prequel to his 1969 film of

it will be a companion piece to his

1981 BBC Television version of

Lawrence's Sons and Lovers. Rus-

sell's cinema film will not be out

until next year and it is Burge who

kicks off first, on BBC1 tomerrow,

with a three-part adaptation by the

Northern Irish playwright, Anne

Derlin. To bring a big and complex

Devlin has largely jettisoned the

first two thirds and concentrated

on the developing consciousness of

Ursula Brangwen. We meet her as

a schoolgirl of 16, stifled by family

and preparing to strike out for freedom. We leave her as a young

woman of 22, after two abortive

love affairs and an attempt to

make a career as a teacher. Filmed

on location in Lawrence's Not-

tinghamshire, the production is quietly dominated by Imogen

Stubbs's thoughtful and sensitive

performance as Ursula. Stubbs is

hardly off the screen and more

than justifies her reputation as one

of our best young actresses. The Rainbow is on BBC1, tomorrow,

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omen in Love. For Stuart Burge

CHRIS REA: Gruff Geordie with some travelling to do before "Driving Home For Christmas". Fri, Whitley Bay Ica Rink (091 252 6240).

JAZZ

GEORGE MELLY: First week of his annual Christmas residency. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon-Sat. To Dec 31. BOBBY WATSON: The 29th Street Saxophone Quartet star learnt his

trade with Art Blakey. Base Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476) Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 658 2019) Fri.

PHOTOGRAPHY

METROPOLIS: Spectacular series of pictures documenting the making of Fritz Lang's movie Metropolism taken by his brotherin-law, Horst von Harbou. National Museum of Photography, Princes' View, Bradford (0274 727488) until Feb 26.

TELEVISION

RETURN TO SAIGON: An ambiguous title, since journalist Anthony Grey's documentary records his first visit. He was there before only in the imagination, for his novel Saigon.

BBC2, Mon, 8-8pm.

FIRST TUESDAY: Yorkshire Television's high-class documentary series investigates the alarming incidence of asbestos-related deaths in the l eads area. ITV, Tues, 10.35-11.35pm.

RADIO

AGAINST THE STREAM: Keith Clements presents a portrait of Karl Barth, described by Pope Plus XII as "the greatest theologian since St Thomas Aquinas'. Radio 4, Wed, 11-11.47am.

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHARITY OF JOAN OF ARC: Harriet Walter as the Maid of Orleans, with Patricia Routledge and Tilly Vosburgh, in the 1910 play by Charles Péguy. Radio 3, Fri, 9.15-10.45pm.

FILMS ON TV

PINK STRING AND SEALING WAX (1945): Googie Withers as an evil landlady plotting the murder of her husband in Victorian Brighton; Robert Hamer directs. Channel 4, Tues, 2-3.40pm.

KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS (1949): Hamer again, with Ealing comedy at its blackest and most witty, as Dennis Price murders a

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family of Alec Guinnesses on his way to a fortune. BBC1, Fri. 1.50-3.35pm. THE LADY FROM SHANGHA! (1948): Bizarre Orson Welles thriller, with Welles as an Irish adventurer. Rita Hayworth the temptress and a famous climax in a

FILMS

BBC2, Fri, 12.10-1.45am,

hall of mirrors.

WILLOW (PG): Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to an earmest timeger's mission to save the infant princess. Directed by Ron Howard: with Val Klimer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Devis, Empire (01-437 1234), from Fri. SACRIFICED YOUTH (PG): Delicate film from a woman director. Zhang Nuanxin, about the culture clash experienced by a city girl axiled to the remote countryside during the Cultural Revolution. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647), from



HIGH SPIRITS (15): Spirited supernatural comedy from director Neil Jordan, with Peter O'Toole (abova) as the decrepit owner of an irish castle advertised as haunted (see page 33). Odeon Wast End (01-930 5252),

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harri-son; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazz Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Television, Radio and Films on TV: Peter Waymark.

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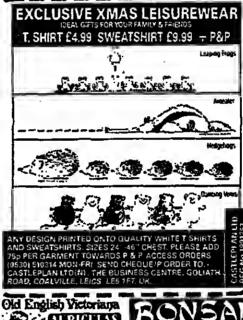
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● Islands in a sunlit sea, the Caribbean's attractions for serious winter sunseekers are timeless. With the heat and humidity of a tropical summer and the threat of hurricanes over for another season, the new year sees its palm-fringed beaches at their balmy best. As the illustration shows, rainfall can vary from island to island but is reliably lowest in winter.

 The only pirates you are likely to encounter today will be shaking cocktails or cabaret cutlasses, their sailing ships and buried treasure commemorated on menu graphics: Preserved plantation houses and slave quarters are reminders of the old economics of sugar. The changes that followed, from independence to tourism, are everywhere celebrated in sugar's most potent derivative, rum.

 Alex McWhirter finds the most economical fares to the Caribbean's many islands.

igh season in the Caribbean runs from December until April. Although this means that hotel rates are at their costliest during these months. you will be getting there in the off-season for air fares.

Direct flights are usually most convenient, but flying via Miami can be cheaper. Holders of US Airpasses can make cut-price side-trips from the US mainland to a variety of Caribbean points. Miami is a useful jumping-off point for the Caribbean, and airline offices in London (Eastern, Pan Am and BWIA) will quote examples of fares out of Miami should you not want to buy a through ticket from the United Kingdom. Here are examples of fares

and routings to major Caribbean points. All prices refer to flights from January onwards.

Direct flights

(Official promotional fares). Miami: Served non-stop from London by British Airways, Pan Am, Virgin Atlantic and US airline Continental. A variety of promotional offers is available (check with the airlines concerned for up-to-. the-minute deals) but with BA you can expect to pay from £350 for a mid-week APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) with a "Latesaver" fare priced at £349 return.

Caribbean: Virtually all direct flights are with either BA or the local airline BWIA ("BeeWee" to its friends).

To Antigua, Barbados or St. Lacia there is an APEX fare at £464 and for those who cannot meet the 21-day advance booking requirement, a cost-lier PEX fare of £519.

To Montego Bay or Kings-ton, Jamaica, APEX costs £440 and PEX £519. To Nassau, Bahames, APEX costs £428 and PEX £479. To Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, APEX costs £519 and PEX £573. To San Juan, Puerto Rico, APEX costs £468 and PEX £524.To the French territory of Point a Pitre, Guadeloupe, the APEX fare costs £495 and the most convenient routing is via Paris with Air France.

Special fares

Agents specializing in flights to the Caribbean, for example Loodoo's Rainbow Travel or Flight Conoections, will readily rebate part of their commission. That means you can expect a discount of at least 5 per cent on any BA fare (thus reducing the Barbados APEX tariff from £440 to £418) and a 10 per cent discount when flying BWIA.

US flight specialists can easily underent the Miami APEX fare. Southampton-based Boo Voyage Travel is selling non-stop London-Mi-ami flights for just £258 return, almost £100 cheaper than the official rate.

Travelling via the **United States**

Some of the best value fares involve flying via the US, changing planes en route in Miami. For example, Flight Connections quoted me a return fare of £395 to Montego Bay provided I flew Virgin Atlantic to Miami and then changed to an onward Eastern service. Such special deals do not allow you to break your journey in Miami. If you want to the fare will be considerably higher.

The same ageocy quoted £560 for a circle fare, London-Miami-Montego Bay-London, which would allow a Miami stopover oo the way out, and a direct flight home from Montego Bay on a BA service.

Trailfinders, of Earl's Court, London, offers a wide selection of through fares, again via Miami, all of which handsomely undercut the APEX/PEX direct flight fares. US airpass add-ons The agency charges £371 return from Loodoo to either Several US Airpasses offer the Montego Bay, Kingston, Nas-Spain. St Thomas or St Croix all cost £416. There is a £23 surcharge for weekend travel.

There are oo advance booking restrictions on these Trailfinders deals. Moreover. if you are unsure of your plans, the return booking can be changed for a £50 fee.

possibility of booking a lowsan, or Freeport, Bahamas. cost sidetrip from the US Barbados or Antigna are mainland to the Caribbean. priced at £383 and Port of For example, Eastern's three flight Airpass priced at \$247 (about £138) lets you take any three US mainland flights and

then, npon payment of a flat \$200 (£112), offers a roundtrip flight from Miami to San Juan, Montego Bay or Nassau. Pay a little more, \$250 (£140) and Eastern will fly you further afield to (one of) Barbados, Antigua, Aruba, Port au Prince, Haiti, or to Port of Spain, St Croix, St Maarten or Curação.

Of all the US carriers offering these sidetrips, Eastern has by far the most comprehensive network. The others like American/Delta/TWA tend only to serve San Juan but

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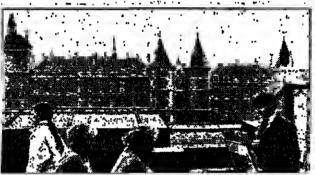
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Rating the **Crowns**

Wales has followed Scotland in opting for add-on quality ratiogs for its Crowo Classification Scheme of holiday accommodation. Three degrees of excellence will be acknowledged - approved, commended and highly com-

mended. A fourth, unspoken category is, of course, oo rating at all. The Welsh announcement, due on Mooday, makes it very unlikely that the English Tourist Board will adopt a different system. In addition to the quality

ratings, new higher standards will be needed for crowns, and many hotels and guest houses are expected to lose a crown or two in the regrading which will follow. Additional qualifications range from the provision of locks on guest room doors in listed accom-

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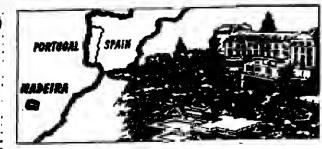
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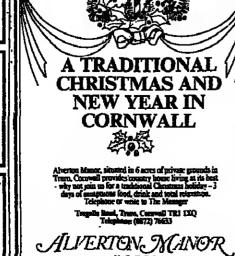
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It is not difficult to understand why Verbier has a particular attraction for the young and hooray. At night, Verbier's pubs have more in common with London cocktail parties than Swiss bars.

Après ski begins with dinner "I want to encourage people to come out to Verbier who are civilized. This is a civiat the chalet. Aromatic kitchens, vibrating with activity, produce a range of culinary delights. After a good dinner. it is time to saunter off to La very best skiing facilities. We Luge (a few Swiss, mostly English) or the Nelsoo pub (all English) or Le Pub (a mixture of both), where you inevitably holiday-maker in Spain have bump into skiers you have met earlier in the day. Most evenings are rounded off with a couple of hours of non-stop dancing at the outrageously

expensive Farm Club. If you can bear to smarm your way past two obooxious erators, and attempts to offer. bouncers, catch Giuseppe's attention for a bottle of spirits and fork out £100 for the tourist are frowned upon. The privilege of having your name result is a resort full of young inscribed on your bottle, the

English with public school Farm Club certainly guaraccents and loads of mooey. in Verbier.

But if dancing all night results in late start next morning, you are in trouble. Despite being served by Tele-Verbier's 85 ski-lifts, the resort suffers from long, monotonous queues, which start forming at about nine in the morning. Once up the mountain, it is not much better. For every hour put in skiing, you will speod some three-quarters of an hour

waiting. This is oot iotolerable in good weather. During my week in February, the bright sunshine was only once punc-tured by a solitary wisp of

cloud. The skiing in Verbier is agreed to be best for experts and intermediates, and particularly good for those who are competent off piste. My visit was during one of the worst seasons io a decade, but despite the slushiness at the

nnt a single run was impassable. Experts will go to the top of

Mont-Fort and try the black run down to Tortin where the ubiquitous "wall" - every resort seems to have at least one terrifying slope named after it - puts paid to many macho boasts that no black run in Verbier is too difficult in ski. For a run nn the wild side, the off-piste Mont-Gélé trail is usually empty in the

afternoon.
For ao exhilarating ski through the trees or in wide open spaces which demand no particular skill, a trip to Savoleyres and oo to La Tzoumaz should not be missed.

Taking a break at mountaio restauraots is as expensive as everything else in Verbier, but there is still an enjoyable week to be had with one of the tour operators that M Messeiller allows into his resort.

TRAVEL NOTES

Ski MacG chalets in Verbier cost from £189 in low season, inclusive of flights, breakfast, tea and dinner (01-221 0166). Verbier's lift pass is the most expensive in the Alps. a. £87.

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Verbier's managing director of tourism, Patrick Messeiller,

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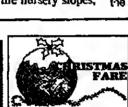
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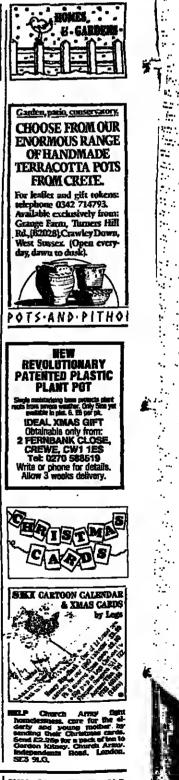
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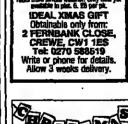
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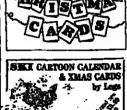


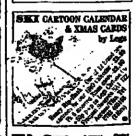
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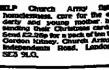




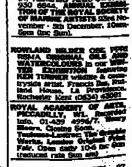








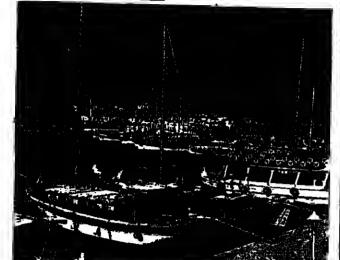






TRAVEL

Adrift in old empires



The twin-masted gulet schooner let Brian Jackman sample a Turkey as yet unlapped by the tourist tide

smile, welcomed us at the jetty. Going aboard his ship was like entering a mosque. No shoes ever sully his scrubbed teak decks and car-peted cabins. So, for the next seven days, we lived barefoot. Ever since I first visited Turkey five years ago, sailing along the Lycian coast, I had stared with longing at the stately gulets, the old-fashiooed twin-masted schoooers that ply the waters between Bodrum and Kekova, Now, here I was on the Guler-A, bound from Gocek oo a chartered cruise around the

bay of Fethiye. There were 15 of us on board. Besides the Kaptan wild that even today most of it there was Recep, the cook, and is still inaccessible by road.

Hilmi, the deck hand. The rest 'Nights were passengers like me: 11 Britons and Teo, an Engwere so lish-speaking Turk guide for the week. Strangers when slept out we met but the best of friends when we parted, we were a disparate group beneath (showbiz, finance, architecture, pubthe stars lishing), drawn to-

shores still scarcely touched by the tourist tide. Our host's gulet was a beattiful vessel, 65ft long, with spacious quarters, powered by a diesel engine and wooden throughout, from her rakish bowsprit to her piratical poop. Sometimes, scrambling up the hillsides above our anchorage, I would look down through the pines and see her like a scene from Treasure Island, floating in water of such clarity she seemed to hover io mid-air above her own shadow on the seabed.

gether by lure of

In those hot, deserted turquaise coves, a hotel would have been sacrilege; yet a gulet at anchor seemed romantie and fitting. It was late September, in Turkey's "yellow summer" with hot, sunny days and nights so warm that we slept nut on deck beneath the stars.

In the mornings we would slip over the side for a swim before breakfast and return to a table laden with a sultan's feast: cheese and olives, chopped tomatoes, yoghurt, boiled eggs, sliced peaches, melnn, crusty Turkish loaves, and dark amber honey.

Every meal was memorable. a cook's tour conducted by the

he "Kaptan", a mid-dle-aged Turk with a corsair's moustache Next day, in Fethiye, we and a disarming scoured the narrow streets between carpet shops and fruit markets until we found a pastrycook who made it, and

brought some back for supper. Early next morning, long before the sun was over the horizon, the Kaptan and his crew were hauling the anchor and getting under way for Olu Deniz, the blue lagoon of a million Turkish tourist posters.

There is something about putting to sea which other journeys cannot match. At the beginning of every voyage comes that magical moment of letting go. A gulet is your home. It is, moreover, a moveable home, letting you

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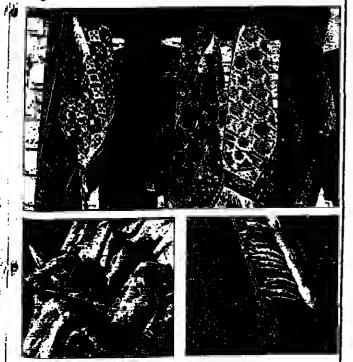
their hackled crests

against the sky. This was the ancient sea kingdom of the Lycians, who colonized the region during the second millennium BC. They were cooquered by Alexander the Great and later the Romans, who found them so warlike they ultimately re-stored their independence. The Lycians are oo more. Their rock tombs stare like eyeless sockets from a host of lonely cliffs, and cyclamen bloom from the ruins in Xanthos.

The Lycian shore must be the least spoilt littoral in the Mediterranean. It cannot last. Bodrum and Marmaris are now on the package tourist beat, and deserted anchorages are becoming harder to find as gulet cruising becomes more popular. But so far the Turks have behaved honourably in protecting their coastline.

Dalyan's reeds, ruins and turtle beach have been spared the development with which they were threatened. As for the dunes of Patara, the Seven Capes and the pine-scented hillsides of Skopea Liman, it is impossible to imagine them other than they are now, pristine and inviolate.

indefatigable Recep. One evening the talk turned to The Sunday Times Magazine.



Eastern artefacts: carpets on sale at Kulkan; cheese and spinach pasties; and bread ready for transport to the islands



Painted ships: Bodrum is a principal harbour for schooners Last of the Lycians: rock tombs staring from lonely cliffs (here at Kaunos) testify to the power of a lost sea kingdom. Many sites can be explored only by boat

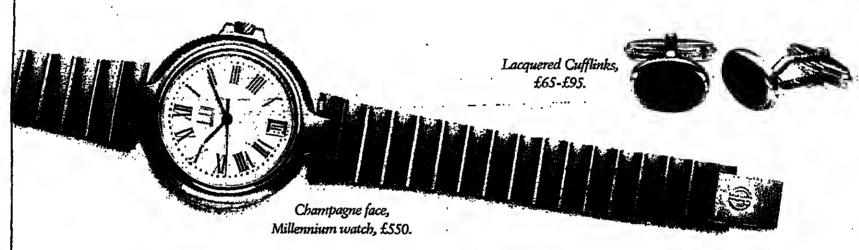
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Betacom investors take 63%

Last week's stock market collapse severely mauled the flotation of the Betacom telephone company, as revealed in The Times yesterday.

Investors applied for just 62.84 per cent of the issue, leaving the balance with the underwriters. Betacom, which is part of the Cannon Street Investments group, had of-fered just over 20 million shares at 82p each.

Losses rise

Scottish Ice Rink reports an increased pre-tax loss of £63,000 for the year to end-August, compared with £40,000.

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 Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Davies and Newman (02210) shook off the market tone and shot up 25p; ahead of figures Norcros (01299) dropped 5p and Caradon International (01704) slumped 11p; profit-taking took 25p off Tetaghur Jute (08545); agencies were dull with Lowe, Howard, Spink and Bell (01156) down 20p while Sinclair Goldsmith (04103) slipp-

ed 5p. British Steel p/p letters of allotment (03555) will be added on Monday

afternoon. Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

British Steel offer is heavily oversubscribed

By David Brewerton

Investors applied for over a billion shares in British Steel, more than twice the number on offer in the public subscription, when lists closed at 10.01 am vesterday morning.

The "Sidneys" had been holding back after the market fell sharply a week ago. In the event 500,000 applications came in, enough to ensure that none of the issue was left with the underwriters and triggering "clawbacks" from overseas and institutions.

Despite the heavy oversubscription, private investors at the smaller end and those who applied for the minimum subscription of 400 shares will be given a full allocation, and there will be no ballot. Ap-

Head of

PBI is

dismissed

Black Arrow, the office fur-

sacked Mr Jim Park, manag-ing director-founder of its

Glasgow-based subsidiary.

matters" had led to Mr Park's

Black Arrow, which is based

nt Hounslow, Middlesex, paid

£273,000 last summer for 75

A number of management changes following the dis-missal include the appoint-ment of Mr David Marshall,

sales manager of the office furniture division for Scot-

land. Mr Arnold Edward, Black

Arrow chairman, commenting

on the developments at PBI, said: "We are putting the full resources of Black Arrow be-

Interim drop

at Cranswick

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per cent of PBI.

niture distributor, yesterday CLF Holdings, the finance

Park Business Interiors, and private Irish company. The

said it had "opened legal proceedings" against him.
Black Arrow said "certain stock market in 1986 at a price

level of allocations will be offer which has been overannounced tomorrow. "We subscribed. That number of have to think hard about how we allocate the issue," saiti a delighted Mr Paul Richards, director of Samuel Montagu, the merchant banker which advised the Government.

The offer was structured in such a way that only a pro-portion of the 2 billion issue was available for public applications. The largest pro-portion of the issue was already allocated to institutions, who agreed to buy 884 million shares as well as underwrite the public portion of the issue. A further 664 million shares were sold in the US, Canada, Japan and on the Continent

shares will now be increased to 842 million shares by "clawback" from the overseas and institutional allocations.

When the subscription level hit 762 million shares, 1.7 times the number of shares on offer, some 166 million were clawed back from the overseas allocations. As it passed 980 million shares, the institutional backers have seen their own allocations scaled down by 224 million shares. The fact that the institutions

have been scaled down raises the possibility they will be moving into the slock market to "top up" their holdings. But despite the surprisingly strong demand in a weak stock marcommand more than a few brought the total decline since pence premium when dealings the issue price of 125p was begin on Monday afternoon, if there is any premium at all.

The big question which will not be answered for several days is whether the German banks and Japanese steel companies, both said to be seeking worthwhile strategie share-holdings in British Steel. would come into the aftermarket to buy shares, and whether they have used the expected low level of interest to apply for big holdings in the public offer for sale.

The offer closed on another poor day for London shares, which were affected by the US employment figures and continuing worries about inflation and interest rates.

plicants for larger amounts shares available in the public ket, dealers were not optimis. The FT-SE 100 share index will be scaled down, and the "Offer for Sale" and it is that the shares would fell 13.7 to 1.765.0 which announced to 72.1. The tall was inggered by a sudden widening of the trade gap to £2.4 billion in October, announced a week ago.

> But it has been widely assumed that Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had knowledge of the trade gap when he overruled his advisers and priced Steel at what was regarded as a low price.

His calculations have been vindicated by the oversubscription, but dealers believe the fall in the market has wiped out most of the potential premium to the issue price which they had initially

Issue for the small investor By Andrew Morgan

Mr George Martin, a mes-senger with the National Westminster Bank and a veteran of privatizations, eyed investors in British Steel and

chose his words with care.
"Nothing like BT, with all the queues around the building but I would say . . .lively enough.

It was Mr Martin's duty to tell people like Mr Ahmad Farooq, a London Transport employee, that the 10.00 am deadline had passed and their applications were void.

Hundreds of others had arrived early at the City branch in Prince's Street, Miss Kim Parker, aged 26, a member of the Green Party. was applying for 400 shares

despite being opposed to the sale of nationalized companies. A trainee stockbroker, she intends to sell all her shares on Monday and make a profit - just as she did with British Gas, Rolls-Royce and

British Airways, Committed privatization advocates such as Mr Roy Pike, a jeweller, were equally in evidence. Mr Pike, from Bishop's Stonford, Henfordshire, applied for 5,000 shares but was expecting to get 3,000. of which he intends to sell half and keep the rest nestling next to his BT nest-egg. "This is all good for the nation. Efficiency at BT has improved no end

since privatization." And Mr Martin? "Yes, I applied for a 1.000 shares to go with British Airways and British Telecom. You could say I'm a classic small investor."

US job figures throw markets into confusion

From Bailey Morris, Washington

thrown into confusion yes- large downward revision in terday by the November un- job creation for October which employment figures which had previously been reported showed a slight gain in the at 323,000, jobless rate to 5.4 per cent hut Overall, i also revealed a big increase in new jobs, which heightened infiguon concerns.

The immediate threat of a rise in the US discount rate appeared to dim. But the figures underlined the belief that interest rates will continue to rise in the weeks ahead hecause of the inflationary pressures now built into the economy.

Wall Street dropped snarply after the release of the figures. which compared with un-employment of 5.3 per cent in October, but stabilized later trading 11,20 points lower at 2.090.68. The didlar also opened sharply lower in New York to touch \$1.86 by mid-morning, and bond markets

The critical figure guiding the markets was the unexpected gain in non-farm jobs which rose to 465,000 from a revised 238,000 the month before. Analysis had expected the growth in non-200,000 and 325,000.

The huge gain, which reflected continued strength in the manufacturing sector, raised concerns about labour shortages which could result. Federal funds rate still higher. in hig wage increases. But the

Financial markets were concern was tempered by the Overall, markets are weigh-

ing the latest economic figstrength in the economy, against the findings of the US Federal Reserve Board's highly repected Tan Book, a forecast prepared in advance sessions, which amicipated a showdown in growth.

But the gain in jobs last month, coupled with strong sales of new houtes and huan capacity rates at US factories, lead many analysts to conclade that the anemployment figures would oversigadow the finding of the Tan Book.

"If you get anything above 235,000 in new jobs, there is no reason for the hed to contemplate anything other than what they were doing between March and early August which was to drive the Federal funds rate on overnight leans up-gradually," an analyst for Merrill Lynch said.

There appeared by be a consensus vesterday that the gain in the jobless rate had diminished the pressure on the Fed to raise the discount rate but that it would continue the pressure for a less dramatic step, that of moving the Wall Street, page 20

Reserves at record in sterling battle

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

underlying \$428 million last month, as the Bank of England intervened to restrain sterling. The pound continued strong yesterday, rising to its highest level for seven mon-

reserves to a record \$51.04 of Treasury bill teoders debillion (£27.62 hillion), pro- nominated in European Curvides the Government with a rency Units. a change in market sentiment tender of Ecu Treasury bills, towards sterling.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said this week that Bank of England intervention line with the policy of not wanting to see an excessive rise in the pound's value.

publication of the US employment figures.

The sterling index rose by to cap it.

Britain's gold and foreign 0.2 points to 78.5, its highest currency reserves rose by an level sioce early May, as the pound moved up towards \$1.86 and DM3.22 from overnight levels of \$1.85 and

DM3.2075. The actual rise in Britain's reserves last month was \$992 million, partly reflecting the The rise, which took the Bank of England's programme

Proceeds from the second held on November 8, were \$908 million, while payments on maturing bills from the first lender totalled \$246 milto hold down sterling was in lion. The next Ecu Treasury hill tender is to be held on

Tuesday December 13. The Bank of England was The pound continued not detected in the currency strong yesterday, despite a markets yesterday. The main short-lived dollar rally on the purpose of its recent intervenpurpose of its recent intervention appears to have been to slow sterling's rise rather than

The merger will create a ment, while CLF has concent-million in the six months to largely British finance house strong enough to expand rapotely into Europe. A £100 other goods usually worth under £50,000. Mr Tony Barlisted in London and Duhlin. SEC to study corporate debt

Irish group makes an agreed £88m bid for CLF Holdings

step for the new group.

Mr Paul Coulson, the chief

executive of Yeoman, said:

"The merger provides an ex-

cellent opportunity to com-

hine two first class businesses

operating in complementary

fields. The combined financial

and managerial resources of Yeoman and CLF will pro-duce a powerful independent

force in European asset fi-

nance in the run up to 1992."

ger finance deals for ships,

computers and factory equip-

Yeoman puts together lar-

million acquisition is the next nes, chairman of CLF who

From Bailey Morris, Washington

debt has been ordered by Mr in takeovers. David Ruder, chairman of the at Cranswick

Cranswick Mill, an animal feeds group, has given a warning that its final dividend is threatened after a sharp fall in first-half profits, from £431,000 to £315,000. It in-

leasing company, yesterday agreed to an £88.1 million bid

from Yeoman International, a

deal is worth 250p a share cash

of 125p. The shares were suspended at 156p yesterday

ahead of the announcement.

of 17 per cent of the shares

have irrevocably backed the

offer while institutions hold-

ing 30 per cent have also

pledged their stakes.

CLF directors and holders

tends to review the final In an address to officials of dividend in the light of the the Securities Industry Associtrading performance in the second half. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.85p. corporate deht disclosures

A broad study of corporate with respect to their adequacy from selected investors and

He announced the study as that Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the winner of the hidding war for Nabisco, would borrow more than \$18 billion of the \$25.07 purchase price.

the rest would be borrowed.

becomes depoty chairman of Yeoman, said: "The two bus-

inesses are a natural match

and the enlarged group will

provide one of the most eff-

ective teams in the equipment

Yeoman has grown rapidly,

offering competitive financing

via tax incentives available to

some Irish companies and

pays only 10 per cent corpora-

tion tax. It expects £12.3 mill-

CLF made £4.6 million pre-

tax profits last year and £2.3

ion pre-tax profits this year.

leasing industry in Europe."

Based on private documembers of Congress ex- ments made available to pressed alarm over reports potential partnership investors the reports said that KKR intended to borrow another \$5 hillion from the investment houses of Merrill Lynch and Drexel Burnham Lambert in According to the Wali Street the form of a short-term reports KKR would put up hridge loan. An uodisclosed only \$15 million of its own number of large US banks money. An additional \$1.5 billion in cash would come bulk of money.

Tribunal will decide if millionaire is 'fit' to hold licences

Last man in: Steart Murphy of NatWest in the City, prepares for the steel deadline, while Lloyds' staff count applications

Threat to Bond TV and radio empire

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

ls millionaire Mr Alan Bond a "fit and proper person" to run a television station? That is the question which, for the past seven weeks, has been occupying the minds of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, the Bond empire and every lawyer in the country.

The Bond Corporation owns 14 radio and television licences in Australia, valued at Aus\$1.1 hillion (£518 million). But they are under threat as the tribunal deliberates on Mr Bond's fitness and propriety to hold them. The difficulty it faces is that nowhere does Australia's broadcastiog act defines exactly what a fit and proper person is. Mr Bond faces an allegation by AMP,

Australia's largest mutual society, that he threatened hostile television publicity unless the society supported his pro-posed restructuring of the Bell group of companies.

The tribunal is also investigating a Aus\$400,000 payment which Mr Bond made to Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen, the former Queensland Premier, as settlement of a defamation case.

This week, Mr Bond, taking time off

The High Court yesterday gave Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland leave to seek a judicial review of the decision by Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, not to order a Monopolies inquiry into the Fayed brothers' takeover of the House of Fraser stores group. The acquisition of the group, which includes Harrods, triggered a Lourho campaign to have the takeover unwound. The case will be heard early next year.

from the rigours of his possible takeover bid for Lonrho, has been giving evidence to the tribunal, which was told by Mr Leigh Hall, AMP's investment manager, that he was personally threatened by Mr Bond with "exposure" on his television station if the society did not stop obstructing the Bell group takeover.

Mr Bond, io evidence, denied Mr Hall's accusation that "TV staff" had been instructed to collect information adverse to AMP.He said Mr Hall could have been confused because he informed him he was considering going on television to expose AMP share dealings, and, in the same breath, said he would information. Mr Bond deoied the possibility that he

had mistakenly run the two statements together to say "TV staff." He agreed he was "heated" during the conversation but added: "I remember the conversation very clearly - I don't have heated conversations with many people."

On the defamation settlement issue, Mr Bood said he now believed it was a mistake and that there were flaws in the way he settled it. Asked whether he now thought he had

made a mistake in settling the action personally, Mr Bond said he was in a "no-win situation" with politicians because they often refused to deal with employees "down the line." His new policy was that he was "just not going to be available as he had beeo." Under Section 88 of Australia's

where it is satisfied that the licensee is not "a fit and proper person."

The approval of Bond Media's takeover of Nine Network from Mr Kerry Packer in January last year depends on

Broadcastiog Act, the tribunal can

decided to suspend or revoke a licence

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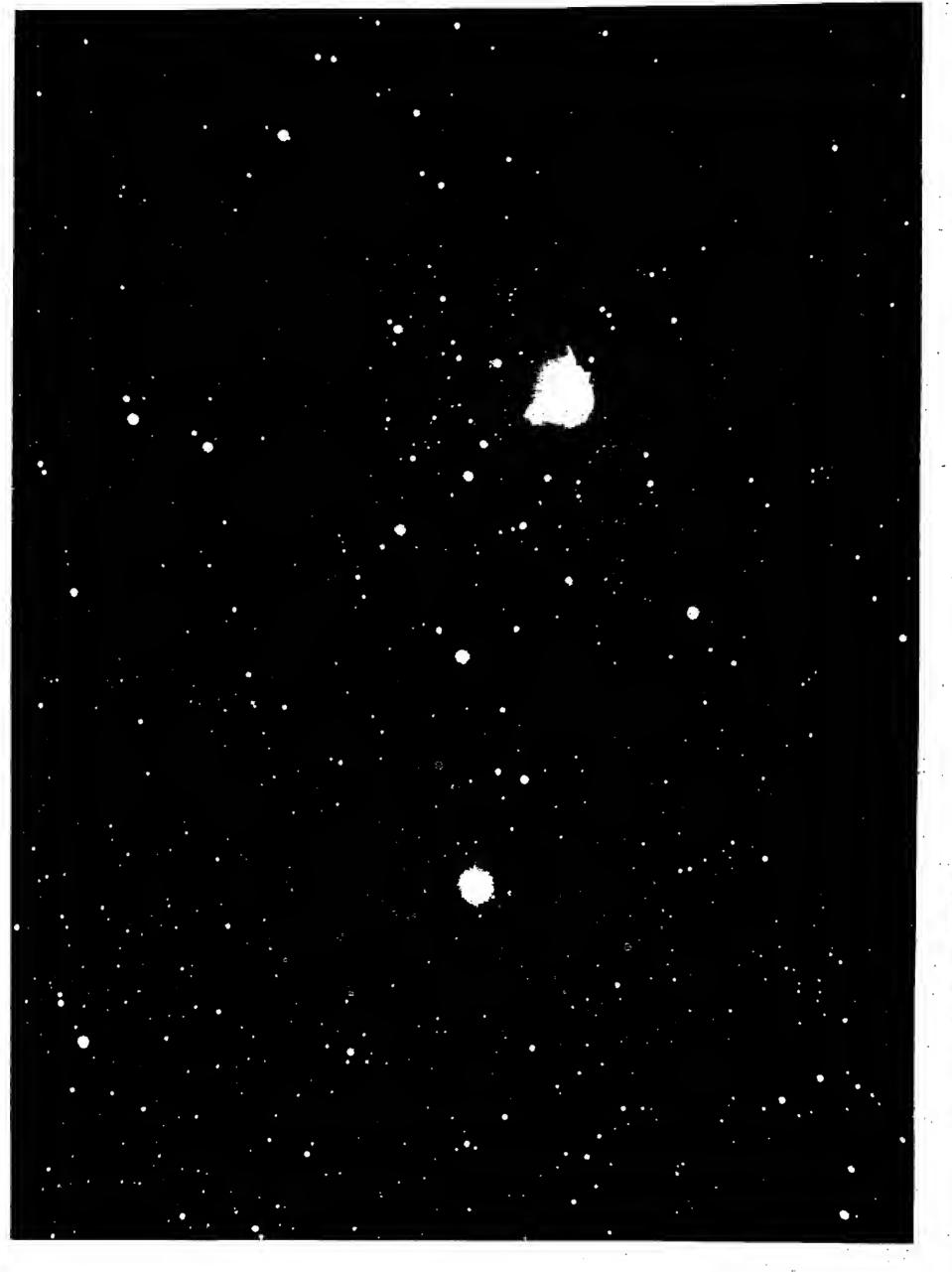
That is the law. Failure comply recently cost an Oxfo shire firm £700 plus court co

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Carriers, have invested their
personal fortunes in the project.

All yesterday's price, off 15p to 173p, Triplex is itself valued at £43 million.

The contract, which will eventually cost more than US\$600 million (£324 million), is for an international exhibition and convention centre. The original design put forward by the husinessmen's Suntec consortium included office and retail space, but one of the five towers will now become n hosel of more than 600 rooms.

Suntec provided the option of switching a tower from office to hotel use when the project was mooted, but the government did not want to increase room numbers while the hotel industry was

"Occupancy - rates have reached more than 80 per cent and, projecting five years ahead, we think there will be a shortage of hotels," said Mr Tsao, the Suntec chairman. "Now the government is tak-

ing the same line."
Suntec was set up with the encouragement of the Singa-pore Government, which wanted to boost overseas investment

It discovered Singapore had no purpose-built exhibition and convention centre. Having identified a plot, it spent Sing\$3 million (£829,000) producing a suitable design, which envisaged a four-storey. 60.000 sq metre-centre linked to four 42-storey towers, totalling 220,000 square metres, and a 16-storey tower.

Only after the Singapore authorities saw the Suntec proposal was the tender document drawn up. The highest bid - Sing\$201 million came from Suntec itself.

Suntec is a personal commitment by the tycoons, rather than by their companies, All are arranging to channel pri-

Business Triplex Lloyd doubles size with £34m Christy deal

group, has agreed the £34 million purchase of Christy Hunt, the castings to ceramics cash. group, in a cash or shares deal which virtually doubles its

Christy shares advanced 17p to 69p, 1p short of the cash alternative and about equivalent to the value of the five-for-two shares offer. At

Its purchase is a former shell situation which last year acquired Deritend Stamping in the face of a fiercely-contested

ing, taking half shares and half purchase price.

taking with them Taylor ings and electrical services are fits of synergy and economies. Tunnicliff, a small business concerned, they make a perwhich makes ceramie ele- fect fit with our existing talking about two quality busiments for gas fires and the activities in those sectors," he like, for which they are paying said. £1.28 million.

Christy's biggest sharement Office, is accepting. taking all shares for its 17.4 per cent stake

bid from Carclo Engineering particularly of property assets, this was unlikely to be much dividend, up 0.5p, although Group. Mr Ian Davis and Mr although these would not reduced at the March 3I year this is not payable to accepting

Triplex Lloyd, the diversified tors behind the deal, are after Triplex acquired FH foundry and building products accepting in respect of their couped Lloyd last year, which regroup, has agreed the £34 combined 8.5 per cent hold-couped Lloyd's £27 million chase would not involve any

"It's really self-evident that They are also bowing out, as far as Christy Hunt's cast-taking with them Taylor ings and electrical services are

Christy also made a couple of ranges of building products, interim pre-tax profits of holder, the Kuwaiti Invest- such as hinges and plates, which fitted in with Triplex.

The company was bringing to the enlarged group debts of gramme. Organic growth is some £10 million, leaving it calculated at about 15 per cent Mr Jim Doel, the Triplex some £10 million, leaving it chief executive, said some about 50 per cent geared. In further disposals were likely, spite of the effects of disposals

There is a 1.75p in dividend, up 0.5p, alth

dilution. "I think 18 months to two years down the track, because of the genuine benenesses, we will see significant

growth in earnings," he said. Triplex has also unveiled £2.96 million, up from £1.34 million last time with the benefit of its acquisition pro-

There is a 1.75p interim

Howard White, the two direc- match the scale of the sell-offs end because of the costs of Christy shareholders. Retailers fear a grim January

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Retailers, at the very time of the year when they should be fully occupied with the Christthey should be fully occupied with the Christ-mas rash, are looking forward nervously to the prospect of a grim January. The increase in base rates to 13 per cent, and the gloomy profits message on Thursday from Mr George Davies, the chairman of Next, have sent shudders through the retailing sector.

While clothing and footwear retailers have While clothing and footwear retailers have been suffering from unfulfilled expectations for a while, it is feared that this torpor could spread to all retailers. "In general, although people would have preferred to have done better, demand is still fairly strong," said Mr Richard Weir, director general of the Retail Consortium, the representative body for retailers. "The atmosphere of semi-crisis is going to have an effect but I don't expect the main effect of higher mortgage rates to come through until January."

The volume of Christmas spending this year will be significantly higher than last, Mr Weir predicted, even if consumers have to dip into their savings to do so. But the increase is likely to be smaller than the 5 or 6 per cent that looked in prospect a few weeks ago.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman of Sarre charges the view that Christmas will

of Sears, shares the view that Christmas will escape the worst effects of the Chancellor's fightening of momentary policy. "I am very pleased with the way things are going," he said. "It is only one year in six or seven that Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, and that means we have a full week's trading and could be very busy."

A spokesman for Marks and Spencer said the latest rise in interest rates is unlikely to affect spending in the run-up to Christmas. But in the City, Christmas is being seen as the last hurrah for the retail sector; And some analysts



Putting on brave faces Michael Pickard, chief executive (left) and. Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears, are hoping for a full trading week

vate funds into the first phase. even question optimism about Christmas. Anglo American

Higher dividends from di-

Minorco) and industrial in-

terests helped investment in-

come rise 11 per cent to R476

However, the growth of

investment income was slow-

ed by a 6 per cent overall drop

in dividends from Anglo's

interim at £103m By Graham Searjeaut

Higher profits from coal, and thanks mainly to Amcoal, the dividends from diamond group's majority-owned coal investments, helped Anglo subsidiary. Coal sales rose and American Corporation of exports achieved higher dollar South Africa boost its pre-tax prices. Profits also benefited income 18 per cent to R677 from a drop in the rand million (£103 million) in the against the dollar. six months to end-September. amond interests (De Beers), mining finance (including

Earnings per share and the interim dividend are both 12 per cent higher at 200 cents and 70 cents respectively. But on an equity accounted basis, including the group's share of associates' profits

rather than just dividends, Anglo's earnings jumped by 60 per cent to R1 billion, equal to 443 cents per share.

Profits from trading jumped gold and uranium mining 45 per cent to R191 million, interests.

authority 'may bid'

thority wants to merge with both Newcastle & Gateshead and Sunderland & South Shields water companies after it is privatized, although they would be kept separate under a joint holding company.

In a statement issued just after Lyonnaise des Eaux sent formal offers totalling £60 millien to shareholders of the two companies, Northumbrian said its successor after privatization "would give very care-ful consideration to establishing such a combination, which would be hy means of an offer for the water companies" at a price reflecting the benefits. This wording avoids hreaching the takeover code.

Privatized European boost at **Marling Industries**

Substantial expansion in Europe pushed pretax profits 43 added. per cent higher at £3.5 million in the six months to end-September at Marling Industries, the industrial textiles manufacturer, on turnover 25 figures, but its contribution per cent ahead at £37.5

million. The interim dividend raised from 1p to 1.2p.

Continuing high demand from the European car in- attracting considerable industry has prompted rising terest, particularly from the sales for Maring's seat-belt soft drinks industry in Spain wehhing industry, said Mr ahead of the 1992 Olympics.

Peter Held, the chairman, Performance of the British along with tightening of the laws on wearing belts in Italy.

level into the third q

The acquisition in August of Boalloy, a specialist com-mercial vehicle body huilder, has had little impact on the would be more marked by the start of the next financial year. A new Boalloy factory is

under construction in the Netherlands, and the group is

businesses has remained at the levels of the year before, when The pace of automotive they had the benefit of pre-activity had stayed at a high vious acquisitions.

Plea for [private roads finance

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Additional public sector cash granted by the Government for roads infrastructure was "still nowhere near enough" to tackle road congestion and the private sector should be allowed more freedom to help.

Mr lan McAlpine, vice president of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contrac-tors, speaking in Birmingham. signalled further pressure on the Treasury to persuade it to allow additional privme finance to raise the level of investment in roads, and ather transport infrastructure

The Department of Transport favours the use of private sector cash. But the Treasury argues that total spending on the infrastructure needs to be kept under control, within the national economie picture. whatever the source of cash.

Mr McAlpine welcomed the £220 million added next year to public sector spending. atready earmarked for motorways and trunk roads, with the cash limit up for the following year by £250 million. But it could be regarded only as a beginning when transport

needs were so pressing.

Mr McAlpine argued that next year in real terms only be spent on motorways and

trunk roads than in 1987. He said: "Demand for transport is growing all the time. If the demand is frustrated because investment in infrastructure is insufficient the future will be less prosperous for all of us."

What is worrying the federation is getting the infrastruc-ture right for the increased demands that will be made by the single European market.

Isuzu plans **UK** truck production

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Isuzu Motors is joining the rush by Japanese companies to infiltrate Europe's borders now in case the single European market makes life more difficult! for outsiders after

The Japanese car maker plans to produce 30,000 four-wheel-drive pickup trucks a year from 1990 or 1991 at its assembly plant in Luton, Bedfordshire. The factory, IBC Vehicles Ltd, is 60 per cent owned by General Motors of America, which also

has a 38 per cent stake in The 4WD vans, designed with engines of 2,600ccs to 3.000ccs, will be improved versions of the Rodeo trucks now manufactured in Jupan. They will be marketed across Europe through GM's sales

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Two Yorkshire stores for House of Fraser

owns two department stores, in Leeds and Harrogate, from Clayform Properties for £6.75 million. The purchase follows Clayform's redevelopment of the Headrow centre in Leeds. Work on the shopping complex is due to be completed with the shop moving back into aew premises from a temporary site, next September.

Mr Brian Burletson, the chairman of Clayform, said that the property development company had decided to sell its department stores subsidiary rather than expand it. Pre-tax profits of Schofields for the year to January 31 last were £647,000 and net assets were £5.27 million. The sum received will be used to reduce borrowings and for acquisitions. House of Fraser will retain the 600 staff in the Leeds and Harrogate

US company

Laporte Industries, the che-

micals manufacturer, is buying Dural International, a privately-owned New York maker of polymer-based products. It will be inte-grated with Tamms Industries, one of Laporte's US companies. The initial consideration is \$5.1 million (£2.7 million) cash, though perfarmance-related pay-ments may become payable.

Laporte buys IBC in £5.9m Italian deal

International Business Communications, a specialist publisher, is paying £5.9 million for Pirola Editore, an Italian publishing house. The deal nlso brings in a half share in the equity of Pirola/ books. IBC foresees substantial additional profits from introducing conferences and seminars aloneside Pirola's publications.

BICC's Spanish stake

BICC, the cables to construction group, is buying a 49 per cent stake in Grupo Espagnol General Cahles (GECG), a Spanish company, is a two-stage deal warth at least £18.7 million. Initially, BICC is to hay 20 per ceat for £6.9 million. The stake will rise to a minimum af 49 per cent by 1992. The additional equity's price will be not less than £11.8 million. BICC's purchase is part of a GEGC huyout by a management-led consortium which also includes Bankers.

Trust. Banco Bilbao, Bunque Paribas and Banco Santander. Last year, GEGC made profits of £11 million on a comparable basis, from sales of £143 million. Net assets are £14.5 million.

Interim jump ·Millward at SW Wood

SW Wood, the steel group which reversed into Braemar in 1987, showed a jump in pre-tax profits fram £406,000 to £792,000 for the six months to end-September. Turnover leapt from £12.22 million to £37.45 million. An interim dividend of 2p (nil) is declared. The full-year profits are expected to substantially exceed last vear's record.

at £1.16m

listed Securities Market quated market research group, increased pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September by 36 per cent from £851,000 to £1.16 million on turnover of £9.42 million up from £7.42 million. Earnings per share rose from 7.7p to 10.2p. The interim dividend is 1.Sp

Hazlewood expands

Hazlewood Foods, the fast-growing food manufacturing group, continues its string of acquisitions with the purchase of another Dutch seafood company for £2,76 million. Hazlewood Europe, the Dutch subsidiary, has acquired Orca-Vis for FI 10 million (£2.76 million).

A further consideration, not exceeding FI 8 million (£2.21 million), may become payable, depending on profits for 1988. Orca-Vis and its subsidiary, Bos Diepvries, both of which are based in Urk, process and distribute frozen fish products and fish meals. About 80 per cent of sales are exported to the EEC

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Prices subside as Nigel puts his house in order

he first "success" of the tight monetary policy of the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is in the housing market where the boom in prices is already passing into history. Mort-gage rates will go up again in January in response to the latest increase in bank base rates — and put up the rate of inflation (the reason why Mr Lawson would like them taken out of the retail price

But costlier mortgages will help the counter-inflation cause by reducing the demand for home loans and curbing the spending power of borrowers. Rising house prices - 16 per cent last year and an annual rate of 30 per cent in the first half of this year - encouraged home owners to take out and spend part of the equity in their homes. They are not entirely to blame for the huge balance of trade deficits of recent months but they are now being punished. Every i percentage point added to the mortgage rate raises the gross cost of servicing them by £2 hillion a year.

The serious threat is in the housing market itself where prices might not merely rise more slowly ut actually fall. The pattern of prices in the early Seventies, repeated in the late seventies/early eighties, is instructive.

During the heady Barber boom, house prices soared - by 37 per cent in 1972 and 32 per cent in 1973. In the next two years, inflation also soared - to 16 per cent and 24 per cent. Real house prices (the difference between nominal house prices and retail prices) dropped in 1974 and 1975 by 30 per cent. In 1981 and 1982 they fell by 14 per

Clearly house prices were an impressive lead indicator of inflation. They have again pointed the way. Inflation is now rising, according to the Treasury to 7 per cent and

according to other soothsayers to 10 per cent. But the striking fact about the falls in real house prices in 1974-75 and 1981-82 is that the pain they might have caused was anaesthetized by inflation. Price falls in real terms were accommodated by rising retail prices (and rising carnings): nominal house prices did not fall at all. This may not happen - would not happen this time round even if the Chancellor were even partially successful in bringing inflation under control. If real house prices were again to fall 30 per cent and inflation ran, say, at 10 per cent over the same period, then house prices as we normally see and understand them would drop by 20 per cent.

The problems of a falling housing market would be severe for those who have taken out mortgages in the last 18 months at high rates, and doubly so if they have borrowed



close to their purchase price and their level of income. Inflation and higher earnings would not ease the hurden of servicing their mortgages; they would be locked in to high interest payments for years; and they might have problems in meeting their mortgage liabilities and have to face lenders whose sym-pathies have diminished with the value of their security.

The vast majority of borrowers

who took out mortgages several

years ago and have properties whose

value has appreciated are not

t least the Chancellor has

opted to keep it simple. Inflation is rising, prob-ably to 7 per cent. The way to slow it down is high interest rates: bank base rates have risen to 13 per cent and if 13 per cent does not stop the rot they will go higher until it is stopped. The treatment works mainly through the foreign ex-change system high interest rates pull money in from ahroad, the pound responds by appreciating

exposed to these wintry hazards.

But they are part of the Lawson

equation because they are part of consumer demand. Moving house in a falling market is less fun and it

yields less money to spend on furnishing and improving new

Pure and simple

against other currencies, and a strong pound holds down the level

The long shadows over Ferranti spotlight is also on Ferranti, where he process of restructuring

electronics and telecommunications grinds on. Plessey, fighting GEC-Sicmens, is out of its corner. GEC is looking over Plessey's shoulder at the Ministry of Defence and over its own shoulder for the rumoured bidder for GEC itself. Siemens might bid if Plessey escapes, but the official line on Hanson's new borrowing powers is that they are fresh ammunition for Sir Gordon White in the United States - where prices in leveraged buyouts are astronomic - not fuel for Lord Hanson's next move on the home front. December will be an interest-

If Lord Weinstock's plea bargaining with the MoD works, there is an opportunity for STC to acquire parts of Plessey's defence business. The

expensive sterling and high interest rates are casting long shadows over future profits.

By Christmas Eve, Professor Bryan Carsberg of Oftel will have told Lord Young of Graffham which companies should be given digital cordless telephone (CT2) licences. The potential of a second generation of small mobile phones for the masses is enormous - 6 million to 8 million CT2s in pockets and hand-bags by the mid-1990s. Between two and four licences will

be awarded. Ferranti should get one. The ticklish decision is whether BT should get one. If it does, only one competitor would have a serious chance of operating successfully under BT's monolithic weight. Without BT, three competing groups might be viable, not four.

Effective competition with BT is the basic issue in Cable and Wireless's bid for Telephone Rentals. It is the quickest way for C&W's Mercury network to offer a total, competing PABX package with all the digital trimmings. Sir Charles Ball, TR chairman, rejects all hids, at least up to the point where the price reaches an undefendable height. His record is outstanding.

as a move to secure victory, because The offer closes on Wednesday.

The argument is now essentially about price (340p a share), not logic. Cazenove bought 26.4 per ceal of TR shares in the market on Wednesday, raising C&W's stake to 28.5 per cent. The raid made sense Cazenove were confident of 20 per cent plus acceptances to the formal offer. Another 10 per cent came in on Thursday and more yesterday.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Shares dropped in early trading yesterday, along with bond prices, after the news of 8 stronger-than-expected rise in November employment. An-

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 8 points to 2,093.88. Early falls were American Telephone and Telegraph, off ¼ to 29¼, IBM. down % to 117% and General alysts said that the rise raised Electric, down ¼ to 43¼. On

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CANADIAN PRICES

fears that the Federal Reserve Thursday, the Dow average Board would tighten credit closed 12.63 lower at 2,101.88.

pany may be on the way. He

Reuters' shares rose by 6p to 467p against the trend. The board gave a presentation for analysts and fund managers in New York this week and clearly made a This followed a similar meeting in Edinburgh. Another presentation is planned for Zurich soon.

speculation." Mr Richards believes that if all the recent hid speculation about the more realistic level of 150p. He said: "If anyone has

built up a stake, why would Storehouse into play?

speculation in the marketplace that someone has been doing just that.

One senior broker commented: "The high levels of io Storehouse recently certainly suggest that someone has been tucking them away. It cannot all be just pure speculation.

Times that it has received an informal approach to see if it was interested in acquiriog Storehouse. But it rejected the

STOCK MARKET

Storehouse in retreat as bid speculation evaporates

Some of the speculative froth that has made Storehouse, the retail group which includes British Home Stores, Habitat-Mothercare and Richards shops, one of the market's strongest features in recent weeks is showing signs of

evaporating.
The price fell 11p to 193p along with the rest of the market yesterday on a turnover of more than 6 million shares, helped by another sell recommendation from Mr John Richards, the leading retail analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, the bro-

He says that the share price has been buoyed by "massive speculation" which has seen 30 per cent of the company changing hands to past week or so, reviving talk that a consortium bid for the com-

Mr Tony Clegg's property effort to revive the company's fortunes.

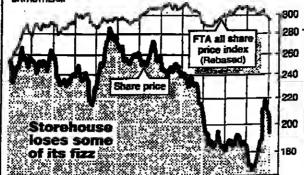
said: "This is unfounded

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STUDIOS, APARTMENTS, VILLAS,

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Capel, the broker, had asked

its analysts to review their

earnings forecasts during this

weekend only added to the

gloom. Capel's economists are

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ber of positions which resulted Mr Clegg said that he bad in large lines of stock coming on offer, including 9.7 million been prepared to make an offer of 435p a share. But Mr Tesco, down 1p at 133p. lo the thin conditions which Clegg's offer was quickly rejected by Sir Terence, who has have dominated trading since last week's bad trade figures since appointed Mr Michael and subsequent 1 perceotage Julien as chief executive in an poiot rise in bank base rates to

Cooditions to the rest of the equity market remained volatile. Share prices extended Thursday's losses, worried by the bearish outlook of several leading broking houses and the latest US unemployment

Attempts at a rally, follow-

said to have reduced their estimate of company earnings for 1989 from 15 to 5 per cent. A number of other brokers elso believe that a strong

pound, combined with high interest rates, can only mean a squeeze on company earnings. To cap it all, the latest US unemployment figures made loomy reading, showing nonfarming employment increasing at almost double the expected rate. Dealers are now worried that this could lead

The gilt-edged market took the threat seriously with prices at the longer end losing early gains of £1/4 to close with small

The dull cooditions saw the FT-SE 100 index fall through the 1,775 resistance level to stand 18.9 points lower at

Phillips & Drew, the broker, says the market is bumping along the bottom. It is recommending some including British Gas, 1/2p dearer at 156p, GEC, 3p lower at 174p, GRE, 2p down at 177p, ICI, 6p easier at 13 per cent it was inevitable that prices would be driven 970p and Courtaulds, 41/2p down at 244p. Suggestions during after-

> 1,759.8 by 3 pm, having been 22.3 down earlier. The narrower FT index of 30 leading shares was 14.2 points lower at 1,436.0, hav-

ing been 16.1 down. Among the leaders Cadbury Schweppes recovered from an early fall to extend Thursday's lead, boosted by the revived talk of a bid from General Cinema of the US, which continues to cling on to an 18 per cent stake. But Cadbury has been anxious to play down the speculation.

This week, General Cinema sold its US bottling interests to Pepsico for \$1.5 billion (£809

Pepsico financed the deal by issuing 20-year bearer shares. But the market remains convinced the Americans are clearing the decks to make a full bid for Cadhury, which finished In dearer at 346p.

Meanwhile, the Eurotunnel units ran into further profittaking, with the ordinary down 11p at 420p and the warrants %p cheaper at 29p.

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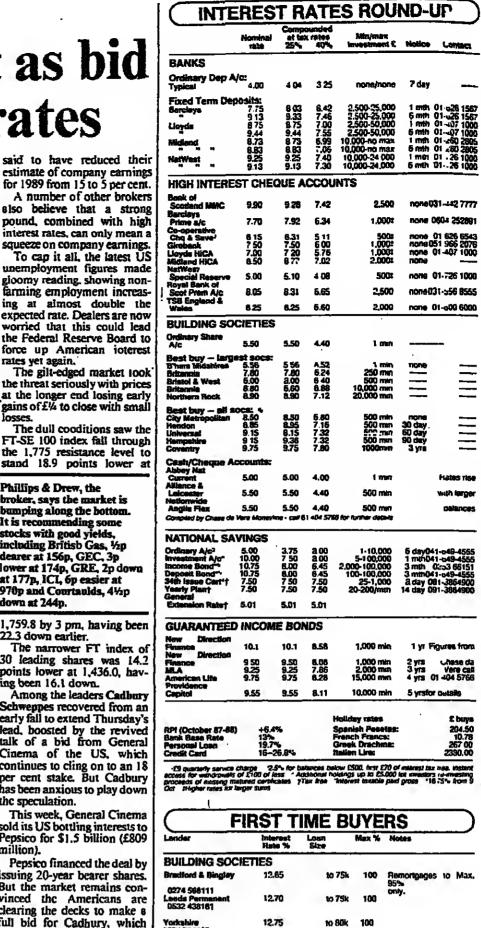
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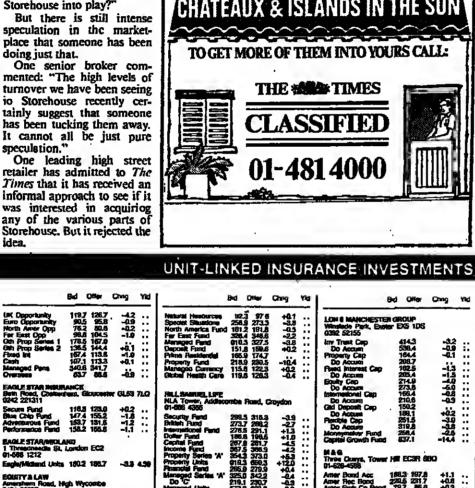
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For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 21).

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First payouts likely under SIB compensation scheme

Equity arm of the Earley brothers' Humberside empire could be the first to be refunded under the Investors' Compensation Scheme.

This was set up under the Financial Services Act and came into force in August. It repays up to £48,000 of any loss due to an authorized firm going into default - 100 per cent of the first £30,000 and 90 per cent of the next £20,000.

Allied Equity was registered under Imro, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. This week the liquidator of Allied Equity, Mr Edward Klempka, insolvency partner with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in Leeds, met the managers of the scheme. Mr Klempka said: "They

scheme only protects private individuals and not professional investors. Mr Eddie Ray, chairman of the compensation scheme management company, which operates under the Securities

can they receive claims. How-

ever there do seem to be some

radical deficiencies between assets and liabilities. It is

important to note that the

and Investments Board, said: "There is a creditors' meeting on Thursday. If the company is declared to be in default then we will compensate for any missing cash. It is important to stress that we do not compensate for poor inare being very positive. Howvestment performance, only

they are being very careful to go by the rule book. First they have to declare Allied Equity quickly and make a pay-out within six months. I advise any of the investors with to be in default and only then Allied Equity to get in touch with us directly.

Allied Equity is the second all, the finances of Earley and of the Earley brothers' companies to crash. Last month Earley Enterprises went down owing £3.7 million after disastrously buying into MES, the computer company based at Warrington, Cheshire.

The companies attracted attention largely because of the "golden touch" of Mr Aidan Earley, whose stock market coups had reportedly made him a millionaire hy the age of 21. His four brothers joined him in setting up companies in their home-town of Market Weighton, Humberside.

These included investment.

The 60 people who invested ever since it is their first claim for missing cash. If there is a finance, property develop-£400,000 in the failed Allied they are being very careful to valid claim we hope to move ment and kitchen fitting firms. Earley Enterprises, the flagport by offering returns of up to 44 per cent at one stage. It is too carly to say how close, if at all, the finances of Earley and

> When Earley Enterprises first ran into difficulties at the end of October, Mr Earley said: "The problem is isolated and is in the process of being resolved. Anybody else who would like to know more is quite welcome to call at our

> Unfortunately his optimism was not justified. Anyone who tries to find out more by phoning the office hears the

> > **Hugh Thompson**

Credit licence plans under fire

Government plans to axe the licensing system for credit brokers have been criticized

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, and the Consumers' Association have both pro-tested strongly about the proposed changes in consumer credit controls.

The deadline for submissions on the proposals expired yesterday although some organizations, including the National Consumer Council, have been given extra time.

Sir Gordon says in his submission that he is "deeply concerned" about the plan to remove the need for brokers to be licensed.

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"In my view these proposals will lead to significant consumer detriment. I consider that there is a need for more objective research and inquiry before such measures are

Under the proposed new system, only lenders and hir-ers would have to be licensed. However, hrokers with a bad record would have to apply for a licence and there would be a blacklist of those whose applications for licences had been refused or whose licences had been revoked. The consultative document

proposes that trading standards offices would have the power to act swiftly against businesses believed to be acting improperly. At present it can take months to revoke a licence and put a lender or broker out of business. Sir Gordon says: "A system

based on cure alone is inherently less effective than one based on prevention and cure: action can only be taken when considerable harm has been dooe to consumers. "There is evidence that a small minority of financial

brokers act irresponsibly in

promoting loans. Not being

the lender themselves and

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with their commission, they

have little incentive to ensure that the borrower will be able to keep up repayments." The Consumers' Associ-

businesses that need to be licensed, the Government should increase the fees credit businesses pay so that more resources can be put into

ation is suggesting that instead the personal loan market, has

Concern at licensing proposals: Sir Gordon Borrie

reducing the oumber of not opposed the scrapping of submission.

policing the system. The Finance Houses Association, which represents

licences for brokers in its

Mr Neil Grant, director of the FHA, says that the liceoces are oot being properly policed at present so the FHA can sympathize with the oeed to change the system.

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anxious anticipation of higher mortgage rates in the New Year, savers are already beginning to feel the effects of last week's rise in base rates.

Guaranteed income bonds, which guarantee a fixed return on periods of between one and five years, have been given a new lease of life since interest rates started to climb in the

Following the latest base rate increase Chase de Vere investments has launched a others are yet to make a

amounts of £2,000 or more.

New Direction Finance, a wholesale broker whose guaranteed incomes bonds are underwritten by Credit & Commerce, raised the rate on its one-year bond from 9.5 per cent to 10.1 per cent this week.

But the question for income-seekers is whether to wait for even higher rates. Although some companies have set new rates this week

ers Hargreaves Lansdown, believes investors should consider locking at least part of their capital into rates of 9.5 per cent and above now

Those who are happy to take a one-year bond should certainly consider the 10 per cent plus ones now on offer.

There may well be more to come, he agrees, but it is worth taking advantage of rates of

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LIT group expands
LIT Holdings, tha
financial services group, has expanded in the personal financial services market this week with two separate transactions. It made a £24.5 millon agreed bid for BES sponsor Johnson Fry two days before the Levitt Group, 25 per cent owned by LIT, announced a joint vanture which will enable it to kunch unit trusts and manage pension funds.

Marrying up tax

If Mr Nigel Lawson, the
Chancellor, intended his Budget changes in the organization of maintenance payments to deter marriage break-up, he has probably succeeded, according to Gamlens, a firm of London divorce lawyers. It has just produced a guide to divorce, explaining the loss of tax relief on maintenance payments resulting from petitions filed before March 15. Copies of the Gamlens Divorce Guide 1988/89 are avallable free from Gamlena, PO Box 374, 3 & 4 Stona Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Advising women
National & Provincial Building Society is launching a financial advice service for women, it has recruited a pan-el of professional women, chaired by Miss Jean Denton, deputy chairman of the Black Country Development Corporation, to advise on the service. Seminars for women will be held by the and it expects to launch a telephone information service

PEP pressure grows as Barclayshare quits

Pressure on the Chancellor to improve the rules for persocal equity plans heightened this week after Barclayshare announced it was withdrawing from the market

This comes barely a month after the TSB said it would also be pulling out.

The problem is continuing frustration over the complexity of PEP rules and dismal sales in a dull market. To a certain extent, PEPs have also suffered from the reduction in tax rates - lower taxes mean less iocentive to lovest in taxsaving schemes.

Barclayshare has sold only 3,500 plans this year, against 15,000 last year. It says it is deferring a decision oo whether to introduce a PEP io 1989 and is hoping the Chancellor will announce significant improvements to the system in the Budget. Mr Gavin Oldham, chief

executive of Barclayshare, is lobbying for simplification of the rules and for changes in the way tax relief is given. At present, investors receive complete tax relief from in-

come and gains, but only if they hold the PEP for at least one calendar year. Mr Oldham believes iovestors ought to be able to set up cooventional, widely spread and balanced portfolios within a PEP but that they ought to

ably fundamental changes before we go back," says Mr Barry Bateman, the Fidelity managing director. Framlington did have a

scheme this year but is not planning anything in 1989 unless there are changes. It has offered PEPs iovesting in unit trusts and the ceiling for contributions to these is £540 a year, which is simply not enough, says Framlington, to make the plans attractive or

Other groups, however, are

soldiering 00. Save & Prosper has decided it will launch a PEP next year, as will the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, the Bank of Scotland and Lioyds Bank. All are united, however, io the belief that improvements are sorely needed.

These range from a big increase in the £3,000-a-year receive tax relief on income from dividends oo British limit on cootributions for share-based PEPs, to tax relief Barclayshare is committed to encouraging wider share ownership, says Mr Oldham, hot the Government needs a on contributions and simpler administration.

With the withdrawal of another leading player from the PEP market, managers are There is no point in clinging to something that is not increasingly confident that the delivering the goods," he says. Fidelity did not offer a PEP Government will restructure the schemes. The Treasury has this year and will not be back been canvassing the views of in the market next year unless management groups.

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The Japanese and Far Eastern markets are booming away with Eastern trusts at the top of both the one-year and one-month unit trust

Mr Hugh Young, the Far Eastern invest-ment manager of Abtrest, scored a double with his trusts taking first and second place in the one-year figures.

Both funds have portfolios which have remained essentially the same as before the stock market crash. "People recognize the Far East as the most

dynamic growth area," says Mr Young. But for these high-risk trusts, he has been

investing outside the obvious areas such as Japan and Hong Kong, and putting money into Thailand, Taiwan and Australia. There is also a miformity about the bottom

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Year ended	M&G	F.T. ORDINARY	BUILDING
31 DECEMBER	RECOVERY	INDEX	SOCIETY
23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1970	1,176	857	1,030
1975	2,640	1,112	1,466
1930	10,256	1,729	2,154
1985	27,080	4,947	3,240
30 NOV '88	58,568	6,937	3,995

Not resident productions include removested income net orbasic nate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Stansbord Office – Financial Stansbors). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of \$1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 30th November 1983 would have grown to £3,594 by 30th November 1983 with net income removested. "Estimated.

FURTHER INFORMATION On 30th November 1988 offered onces and estynated gross current yields were

Income Accumulation Yield Spread 572-6p 774-2p 3-64% 5-43% 556-9p xd 1794-8p 5-21% 5-66% 975-5p 2028-1p 3-40% 6-54% SECOND 975-5p 2028-1p 3-40% 6-54%
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Recovery Dividend SECOND

20 Feb 15 Jan 20 Aug 15 July 15 Aug Applications required by 23 Dec '88 20 May '89 9 Dec '88 for next distribution on 20 Feb '89 15 July '89 15 Feb '89

Capital gains tax 1968/89. An individual's first £5,000 of reaksed capital gams will be exemptifrom tax. Gains in excess of £5,000 will be added to the individual's other income and taxed at the rates of tax applicable. Gains arising before 31st March 1982 are not now subject to capital gains tax and gains since 31st March 1982 are subject to undexation relief. You can buy or sell units on any husiness day. Contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement by the date shown on the contract note. The Trustee for Dividend and Recovery is Barckays Bank Trust Co. Limited and for SECOND is Lloyds Bank Ptc. The Funds are all wider-range investments and are authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986. authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986.

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Year ended	M&G	F.T. ORDINARY	BUILD#NG
31 DECEMBER	SECOND	INDEX	SOCIETY
5 June '56	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1960	1,952	2,008	1,167
1965	3,132	2,623	1,397
1970	4,648	3,054	1,742
1975	7,984	3,962	2,366
1980	19,540	6,160	3,476
1985	54,600	17,624	5,229
30 NOV '88	93,724	24,712	6,447
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From Miss Carole Gannon Sir, The building trade bolds pitfalls enough for those of us who deal with it every day. There are enough stories of

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From Mr Dennis Jones Sir, Mr John Morrison's com-plaint about having to pay a fee to a solicitor to obtain his deeds after redeeming his building society mortgage is fully justified (Family Money, November 26).

There is, in fact, no need for the society to involve a solici-

If the land is unregistered, a receipt is endorsed by the society on the mortgage and a search is made at the Land Charges Registry, the fee for which is negligible.

With registered land it is, in my experience in the securities department of a major mortgage lender, the frequent practice of huilding societies to send the Charge Certificate, together with a discharge form (form 53) to the owner. leaving the owner with the task of sending these documents to the Land Registry to be exchanged for his Land Certificate

There is no charge for a Land Registry search.

Hence the society would only be justified in charging for a Land Charges Registry search and postage - and nothing more. Yours faithfully. DENNIS JONES. The Warnes.

a project manager

38 Hilston Avenue, West Midlands. November 26.

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surveyor, and a builder could

have priced this. Thus they

would have had a clearer

Complaint on fees A question of timing for Sid

From Miss Gwendoline Lamb
Sir. I feel very strongly indeed about the fact that the British the new Financial Services Steel share issue is grossly unfair to all the Sidneys of this country. I notice that dealings swer why dealings cannot start in British Steel shares com- on Tuesday, December 13, mence at 2.30pm on Monday. December 5.

However, letters of allocation of shares in British Steel will not be received by the Sidneys of this country until Tuesday, December 13, 1988. at the earliest. Time and time again in previous government issues I have seen people going along to their bank or building

society to try and sell shares **LETTERS**

and "stag" a decent profit when dealings commence, only to find that they are not allowed to deal, of course, because they do not have their letter of allocation!

Why is it that Fairey Engineering ple, on offer this week by Lazard Brothers and also another share issue, Betacom plc, which comes to the market next week offered by Capel-Cure Myers, are both commencing share dealings the day after the letters of allocation have been sent out to everyone who applied for

All honourable institutions surely want to maintain the Middlesborough, "dictum meum pactum" prin-

Act? I am now calling on the Department of Trade to an-1988, for absolutely everyone, institutions and Sidneys alike!

We must all play on the same football pitch with the same goalposts or not at all!

This has happened with previous government share ssues and I am absolutely determined to see that fair play exists for all, especially in view of the fact that there are more privatizations, ie. water and electricity, still to come.

The public, including Sid, Sidney, Sir Sidney, and Lord Sidney, must be made to understand that while City institutions may collect a premium on British Steel shares at 2,30pm on Monday. December 5, 1988, they (ie, the Sidneys) won't be able to deal until December 13, 1988 at the earliest when the 60p they will have paid as a first instalment on the share may have nose-dived down to 40p!

On this basis I leave your readers to guess whether or not I have decided to buy my 400 shares! Yours faithfully GWENDOLINE LAMB.

17 Worsley Crescent, Marton, Teesside.

Plea for easier life claims procedures

From Mr G Fenner Sir, Life insurance companies are now generating huge amounts of business and doubtless spending many millions on advertising and encouraging clients to apply for life cover. It is a fairly straightforward matter to obtain life cover,

Is it not possible for simpliciiv and a greater degree of uniformity to apply at the other end of the system?

My wife died in January and as a result I had five claims on four large insurance companies and one claim on the Department of Education and Science. At a time when one is understandably bewildered I found the claims procedures of all these companies even more bewildering in their complexity and differences. While I accept that an insurance company must guard against fraud. I would think it not unreasonable that a standard form and common claims procedure could be adopted by insurance companies.

Fortunately I am young enough and capable enough to "do battle" with the companies concerned, although to the credit of two companies they did settle the claims in full and promptly. However, my battle with the DES rumbles on. Yours faithfully,

G FENNER. Northbourne Park School, Betteshanger, Deal, Kent, November 17.

from all his tradesmen and Good products are never cheap and properly managed

building jobs are no exception. The building industry is plagued by "cowboys" and black marketeers which the consumer can easily avoid by employing a builder who is a member of a trade organization, such as the Building Employers' Confederation, which offers an excellent guarantee scheme. This scheme provides for protection and conciliation besides specified completion dates and cootract

The builder in a Range Rover could probably afford a decent suit because he offered a prestige service - perhaps Mr Levene would have done better and saved in the long run by choosing the better builder from the start. Yours faithfully. ROBERT M. DOSSOR. Hilltop Constructioo Ltd, 45 Harefield Road,

Sheffield.

November 22. Letters are welcomed, but The advice or statements in these, columns and independent pro-

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Why it pays to use cowboy huilders and bad workmanship, to say nothing of simple huilding jobs which turn out to be a complete It was sad to read of just such a story (Family Money November 19). The Levenes wanted a conservatory and ended up paying £30,000 three times the figure they The Levenes should have had a full specification drawn up by an architect, or building

into the associated building works. Thus if one installs a window, one would not expect the window manufacturing indication of the total cost company to estimate for formfrom the start. It is wrong to ing the opening, and painting

feel that fees for this type of the woodwork. job would be prohibitive, paricularly if they can help avoid these types of misunder-Specialist cooservatory companies manufacture and

out a solicitor, and perhaps there is reason to treat the world of building with the same caution. CAROLE GANNON, Chartered building surveyor, 607 Commercial Road,

The Levenes' story is more Londoo El 4. one of ignorance than dishonesty on anyone's part. The From Mr Robert M. Dossor moral could be to employ a companies manufacture and finish, then there would be erect the timber and glass someone else to blame. After which form the main part of a like the timber are few of us who had received by the standard like the timber and glass someone else to blame. After lishing his project's cost before all, there are few of us who had received by the standard lishing his project and lishing his proj professional from start to 19) has fallen into the classic which form the main part of a all, there are few of us who he started, by getting proper conservatory, but do oot enter would dabble in the law with- fixed quotations in writing

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Sir, Tony Levene (November

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M&G Dividend	2,513	10,542	30,497
M&G SECOND	2,325	9,119	26,110
Zuilding Society	1,812	4,550	8,562

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FAMILY MONEY

Careful planning is essential for a successful second start

been regarded as synonymous with leisure, a time to rest after an active working life. But, mainly due to the growth of the occupational pension, more people are taking early retirement to start a second,

self-employed career. "In the 1950s and 1960s, the likelihood of a person leaving their job early was not high because the pension arrangements made it difficult," says Mr Bernard Ring, general secretary of the Pre-Retirement Association.

Today, it is easier to take a pension from job to job, espe-cially io the public sector, and to make up for lost years with

extra voluntary payments.
Mr Michael Miller, for example, who graduated as a mature student at 27, opted to make extra cootributions to cover his student years. A university careers adviser, Mr Miller iotends to freelance as a careers counsellor.

As Mr Roy Faust, an in-dependent financial adviser who retired early from careers guidance at university and now specializes in advising on early retirement, said: As soon as you leave a company pension scheme, your family is vulnerable because although you have a pension, you have lost your life insurance cover which goes with it."

In some pensioo schemes, the cover may be as much as four times the salary. The chances of replacing that life insurance, he adds, may well be diminished because of one's age or state of health.

He also points out that if the person taking early retirement dies, then the surviving spouse is usually left with half the deceased partner's pen-

Because of this he suggests that both partners huild up their own pension rights. A private pension plan is taxefficient sioce contributions receive tax relief at the top rate, and it is secured in a taxexempt fund.

The important thing is to think about the family as a whole," he said. Taking early retirement also means losing may well be high for an older

Although the pension may be proofed against cost of living increases, it cannot miraculously expand to keep up with a general increase in reat earnings.

Mr Miller does not leave his Sheffield University post until April 1, 1990, but he has already prepared a meticulous financial strategy. If everything goes according to plan, he expects to be better off as a private consultant, despite working fewer days a week and taking longer hobdays. His pension from his ca-

reers guidance post comes to £7,000 a year or three eighths of his salary of £19,200 a year. The pension he will receive at 50 represents 29 years' service and includes six and a bit years' enhancement. In addition, he will receive a lump sum of £24,000 as part of his retirement package. The investment income he expects from the £24,000 is £2,000. Thus, taking into account pension plus dividends, he will be £10,000 a year worse off the day he retires.

However, ooce he leaves the

university, his outgoings will reduce substantially. He is using his run-up to retirement to clear two substantial loans for house improvements hy increasing the monthly repay-ments. Both will be paid off wheo be retires, leaving him nearly £300 a month in pocket. In addition, his superannuation of £101 a month will cease as will the additional voluntary cootri-butions be was making to his pension of £44 a month. Finally, his national insurance payments will drop from £96 to £20 a month. He has reduced bis drop in income when he retires from £10,000

to £5,000 a year. The financial commitments be will be left with every (£210), rates (£103), gas (£31), electricity (£33), telephone (£16), and water (£19).

As Mr Miller has planned it, even if he does not earn a company sick pay. Health penny from his new business, insurance protects the family his family would not have to

Benefits of musical chairs

chair in the staff-room as head

of the English department at a Sheffield compreheosive school for a piano stool. He

ow gives private piano

When he took early retire-

nent two years ago he received a generous pension settlement since Sheffield Education

Committee offered 10 years'

enhancement as an indacement to shed staff. He left the

school with half his senior teacher's salary, which was



the vigour for something else

and wait until you're 60?" she asks rhetorically. "Forget it."

Now that her daughters are

grown np. Mrs Tyson says she is enjoying her first freedom

"Of course yoo can't turn your back on the finances of it," she says. "But when I hear

people say they would be afraid of a drop in their

lifestyle, yoo have got to

measure what you value in that

"If yoo take expensive holi-

When Mrs Sheila Tyson (pictured above) left teaching at the age of 50 to roo a publishing husiness with her daughter, an inheritance made the prospect of stepping into

the great unknown easier. But she is adamant that if she had had ooly a £2,500 pensioo a year and £40 a week Enterprise Allowance for the first year, she would still have left teaching. Without the inheritance, she would have supplemented her pension by

private coaching.

Friends tell her they would days twice a year, you are pay-ing for that with your lifeblood do the same but for losing their pension rights. "Selling out these last years when you have in many ways, working every evening and weekend."

make any real financial sacrifices to survive. "Things would be righter but not gruellingly so," he said. He is confident enough to

predict that working four days a week, 44 weeks a year, he will bring in £14,000 a year. Since all he has to earn, after his budgeting, is £5,000 a year to match his previous financial position, he will be considerably better off - if his

Peter Morris

His wife Brenda works part-

time which helps to supplement the household income.

One unexpected bonus from

early retirement is that the

parental contribution to the university grant for one of his children is much lower.

He is also earning a small

income from giving the piano lessons. Indeed, his reason for leaving teaching was to spend more time playing the piano— he plays with a small en-semble.

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Graham at a point of no return

In common with several thousand others, George Graham. the Arsenal manager, must have come away from Uptor man. He had just seen West Ham, with embarrassing case. do to Liverpool what his own supposedly superior Arsenal team had failed to do in three meetings with the champions

in the past month. ing and discouraging for Arsenal, who go into battle again with Liverpool at Highbury tomorrow in what could be television's most revealing game so far this

importance to both teams not to mention recuperation. after their recent reverses but particuarly, perhaps, for Arsenal, whom, one fancies, would gladly swap three October. Their comprehen-points for the psychological sive defeat by Liverpool in the benefit of victory over their Littlewoods Cup may yet be to old adversary; Arsenal have Arsenal's advantage if only not beaten them since the because it eases the burden of Littlewoods Cup final two their programme. In the last vears and seven meetings ago. But doubtless Arsenal would not want to part with the points tomorrow when they could go to the top of the table.

Two consecutive defeats. coming at the end of an unbeaten run of t2 games, would appear to have brought Arsenal to that critical point in the season when their championship bopes suddenly go awry. In each of the last two seasons the story has been the same; solid runs of success followed by equally solid runs

In 1986-87 they went 17 League games without defeat and then in January hit a run one in the next 11.

Such sudden loss of form to lack of stamina and lack of even now has an average age of only 23. Another explanation, put forward by Arthur Cox, the Derby County man-

Graham maintains that the physical. He said: "We're treating them like adults and they re really still quite young. Even some of those who are in the England squad are nowhere near their best. Very few people are the finished article at the age of 21. The last month has taken a lot out of us but they're going to have to learn to hanole pressure at the

"We've suffered two defeats and everybody is looking for faults. Just because we win 4-1 at Nottingham Forest doesn't mean we're going to win the championship and just because we lose 2-1 at Derby

doesn't mean we're out of the race. We're keeping a nice equilibrium at the club."

It used to be said that the worst time to play Liverpool was immediately after one of those rare defeats. The next opponents were usually made to pay dearly for any momentary tapse by Liverpool from their exceptional standards.

The last time they lost as It was a defeat which was at heavily as 4-1, as they did this the same time both encourage week, was against Luton ing and discouraging for Town two seasons ago. In the next game they scored their biggest victory of the season. lashing the whipping boys of Norwich City 6-2. It remains to be seen whether this eason.

Liverpool team possess the same powers of indignation,

By contrast, the Arsenal players have had their first free week since the middle of because it eases the burden of two seasons they have not been out of either of the cup competitions before the sixth round.

Though success at a club like Arsenal can only be gauged by the silverware they win, there can be no doubt that Graham has huilt a side of which their supporters can be proud. Clubs are more wary these days about renovating the ground before renovating the team, but Arsenal has had sufficient confidence to invest £6.5 million in ground developments this season.

Grahant has upset a few people along the way, including some of the club's biggest of 10 games without a win, names, like Nicholas, Sansom Last season they notched up and O'Leary. He strongly 10 consecutive League vic- refutes the suggestion that tories but then could only win personality clashes were responsible for the demotion of any of them. "I have always could reasonably be put down picked my teams on merit. regardless of reputation," he experience in a side which said. "I don't believe in prima donnas. I believe in quality players who produce."

It is for this reason, rather than lack of match practice. ager, last week, was that that Davis will not return to Arsenal's all-action style tends the side tomorrow after to take a lot out of young players.

completing a nine-match suspension. Graham said: "Richardson's done tremendougly well and Davis has got
Sept 4, Arsenal 0, Liverpool 2 (League) problem is more mental than dously well and Davis has got back. That's how it should be Sept 10, Arsenal 1 (League)

at a top club. eeded ntore goals than Gra-ham would have liked this buys have been very successseason but this he is prepared to live with so long as they failure among them." keep going forward and scor-

Criticized for not giving Highbury, the team has re-plied on his behalf by scoring with more chances than they



All smiles: but Graham knows Arsenal's match against Liverpool tomorrow is critical to their championship challenge

Aug 30, Liverpool 2, Arsenal 1 (Leegue

Nov 23, Liverpool 2, Arsenal third round, second replay)

ARSENAL V LIVERPOOL IN THE EIGHTIES

May 1, Arsenal 1, Liverpool 0 (FA Cup, semi-final, third reptay) Oct 25, Liverpool 1, Arsenal 1 (League)

Merch 28, Arsenal 1, Liverpool 0 (League) Sept 5, Liverpool 2, Arsenal 0 (League) Dec 1, Arsenal 0 Liverpool 0, (League Cup, fourth round) Dec 8, Liverpool 3, Arsenal 0 (League Cup, fourth round)

The introduction of three more goals than any other side new players in defence has in the first division. "I'm not meant that Arsenal have con- worried what other people

ful. I don't think there's a

Certainly one of his most inspired has been Marwood. whom Graham pursued when their championship challenge his interest in Barnes came to that extra push by spending nothing, Marwood, who rethe money necessary to bringa turns to the side after intop-class goalscorer to fluenza, has been a revelation.

know what to do with. England might have benefited, too, had they awarded him his first cap earlier than they did last month in Saudia Arabia, "He's been like a

breath of fresh air off and on the pitch," Graham said. There's a nice feeling going right through the club. The first team are second in the League, the reserves are undefeated in the Combination and the youth team are second in the South-East Counties. Right from the top it's looking

good. We're getting closer to Liverpool but I don't think we're up there with them yet. "When we drew up at

Anfield recently it was the first time that I have gone there as player or manager and dominated the game. But in the third game they were absolutely fantastic. Maybe in two months' time I'll be able to say to my team 'Hey, listen that hiding we took up at Villa Park - that was a blessing ir disguise"."

Pontypool out of Cup after breach of rules

player.
The Welsh Rugby Union in a statement said: From the evidence at our disposal. Pontypoot Rugby Club played an ineligible player, namely Wayne Terry, in the cup tie against Vardre on November 19 and, in accordance with the rules of the competition are eliminated from further participation in the schweppes Cup competition

this season. Vardre the junior West Wales chib, had protested to the Union over Terry's inclusion after narrowly losing by Opts to mine, and the Union avited both clubs to put forward their cases. The rules is allowed to play for his new occur in the future.

Pontypool. the Welsh club club in the round immediately champions, have become the after his transfer. Terry played first major Welsh club to be eliminated from the Schweppes Cup competition for fielding an ineligible from the second round.

Bob Jeremiah, the Pontypool secretary, said: Lianhilleth RFC had told us that their coach was responsible for granting permits and transfers and their coach also confirmed that their player was not cup-tied."

Pontypool feel they did not breach the spirit of the regulations nor do they consider that Vardre lost the game because of Terry's part in it. But Rod Morgan, chairman of the cup competition committee, said: The strength of the competition is in the rules and we must abide by them." Both Pontypool and Vardre have called for a review of the rules state that no "cup-tied" player so that no such case could

Merger slowdown occupies athletes

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Amateur Athletic Association in London today promises to be lively with Bill Evans reading an interim report on his draft constitution for a British Athletics Federation. and criticising those factions who, as he put it, "have made the process slower than I

would have liked". It was hoped that a federation of the dozen or more bodies governing athletics could be in place by January 1. One year later is probably the best estimate now.

The Southern Counties, who have taken the initiative sponsor's introduction fee.

Molby to

stay at

Liverpool

By Ian Ross

Jan Molby, the Danish inter-national, is to remain with

Liverpool despite spending six

weeks in prison. Molby, aged

month sentence for reckless

Although John Smith, the

Liverpool chairman, admitted

that the affair had severely

embarrassed the club, he said

that Molby will be allowed to

remain at Anfield and pick up

the threads of his career after

The decision was reached

after a two-hour meeting yes-

terday morning when Molby met with Smith. Peter Robin-

son, the Liverpool chief exec-

utive, and Kenny Dalglish, the

showing suitable remorse:

driving.

The annual meeting of the in federal moves, will also try to spike an attempt to get a "complete exclusivity" clause in the next domestic television contract. Some AAA officials want to impose a blackout on events which ITV (present contract holders) do not wish to cover.

Despite the announcement of a profit for the last trading year, compared to last year's deficit, there will be serious questions about a "legal and professional" expenditure of £131,104, of which some £80,000 is understood to be the subject of litigation over a

Waiting for snow

From Iain Macleod, Val d'Isère

The moans and groans could be heard almost immediately autumnal scene can be transformed into a winter land-25, was released from Presion iail carly on Thursday morning after serving half of a three | the "circus" came to town. Just down the road, two of the four opening Cup races scheduled last weekend for Val Thorens had to be moved

to Schladming, in Austria, one of the few nations with snow. The warm temperatures and lack of snow did not augus well bere. Today's scheduled men's downhill, which was to have been beld in Argentina in

Vai Gardena, Italy.

August, had to be moved to But the uncertainty of the Alpine climate and the swift

scape seems to have salvaged the remaining races bere.

Yesterday's women's down-hill proceeded as planned, and the men, who have had two days of just watching and waiting, had their first training run in the afternoon.

Two runs are scheduled today and, if Martin Bell, of Britain, who yesterday, from a start number of 37 finished twentieth, can improve further, there is the prospect of a Briton being to the forefront at manner in which a golden the start of the season.

Simon Barnes's Sporting Diary, page 10

Hlasek is too accurate for the Master in the Garden

From Riebard Evans, New York

Tell in Swiss mythology. Except there is no doubting the reality of Hlasek's tennis achievements over the past five weeks when, almost without exception, he has been able to shoot the apple off opponents' heads with unerr-

In his first ever appearance in the Masters at Madison Square Garden, the Swiss No. I took aim at the reigning Master, Ivan Lendl, and came back from 2-4 down in the final set to heat him 4-6, 6-3.

With several hundred untypically vociferous Swiss upporters in the crowd. Hlasek brought the Garden to life and stamped himself as a player who is quite capable of holding his own in evalued

company. "It made me very proud to hear them cheering." Hlasek said, his eyes agleam with

Metbourne - Mass defections from the Federation Cup have left top seeds, the Soviet

Union, sitting pretty to win the

women's team thornament for

The world's top six wanten

are all missing from the week-

long tnurnament which begins

at the National Tennis Centre

tomorrow, leaving the Soviet

No. I. Natatia Zvereva, as the

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ened the line-up, with Britain.

Yugoslavia, and Italy, all los-

ing their top players through

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Another rash of last-minute

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Soviets sitting pretty

If he goes on like this, Jakob Happiness as he walked over to Hlasek will be joining William face the large international since the final of the US Open. "I think t have played 20 face the large international press corps. "I just felt so relaxed the whole match, it was meredible."

> good as any Swiss fairytale for Hlasek, heginning with the well documented ear crash; the cautious recovery to allow a badly damaged vein in his right wrist to heal and the sudden, eleventh hour assault on a place in the Masters that began with a brilliant victory over John McEnroe on his way to the semi-final of the Paris Open, his first ever grand prix victory at Wembley, another title in Johannesburg and defeat at the hands of Henri Leconte in the final of the Belgian Open.

As a result. Hlasek arrived as well as his physical prowess.

Off balance for the first three bursting with confidence factors which proved decisive against Lendt who was playing his first grand prix match

Yugostavia in their opening round on Sonday, are buping

nation to win the cup in its 25-

Previous winners are Australia, South Africa, Czechoslovakia, the United

States and defending cham-

pinns. West Germany, who are

REVISEO ORAW- USSR (1) v Yugoslovia. Serjum v Austrie, Butain v Indonesia. Nemerands v Spaints). Viest Germani (0) v Mexico, Japan v France, Italiv v Fland, Israel v Austrial (6), Agentina (7) v Grecte Dermori's v Aunori Lusembourg and Chines: Tupe, winner Marta and Chine v fees Zealand, Brazil v Czectostolavia (4). Chiada (8) v Aunore South Kurea and Iredan Findand v Humany, winnut Budgitta and Philippines v Sweden, Switzerland v USA (2)

without Steffi Graf.

year history.

matches that have gone to three sets and have won 18 of them," Hlasek said reveal-ingly, "So even when I got The whole year has been as behind in the third set, I still felt I could win."

> And he won in style. Quite content to stay with Lendl until he could open up a path to the net. Hlasek hit the ball with flowing confidence off the ground: volleyed with tenacious power and served brilliantly throughout. Lendld, suddenly losing the rhythm on his forehand, got

himself in trouble at 5-5 after Hlasek had broken back immediately from 2-4. Then came a point that showed Hlasek's cool determination shots of the rail; on break point. Hlasek steadied himself, slowed the pace to allow time to recover and then, after a furious all-court exchange. finally got the under-slice he was looking for. The ball stayed so low on the Supreme carpet that Lendl's backhand was unable to clear the net. When he served for the match. Hlasek finished a off with an

"He's a great player in the making." Chiff Drysdale, ESPN's television analyst commented, "he is a very similar type to Lend! but in fact he's an even better athlete."

With Mats Wilander beating Leconte in straight seis and Stefan Edberg repeating his Wimbledon triamph over Boris Becker, it means that this quartet's group is still wide open with all four players having won one victory

UEFA speaks out on drug test cases

By John Goodbody

ing body, vesterday entered the controversy over the Engball Association (FA) accepted the players' explanation that medicaments for colds.

Marc Tapernoux, the coordinator of the UEFA drugtesting programme, stressed that ephedrine was a banned drug in international football. even if the player claimed he had taken it as part of his treatment for an illness. The FA says out of 700 players tested since 1979 "fewer than a handful, less than five" have been positive.

Tapernoux said: "But we cannot interfere with drugtesting arrangements in a member country. The individual association is in charge of its own competitions. We can only encourage associations to not to sanction a player makes governing bodies.

UEFA, the European govern- the while procedure less

He added that if any English lish footballers who have not player were to take such a been sanctioned over positive medicament during a Eurodrug tests for the stimulant pean competition then he ephedrine, because the Foot- would lace suspension. He points out that last season. Fontolan, of Verona, tested the drug was contained in positive in the UEFA Cup medicaments for colds.

quarter-final after taking a substance, not ephedrine, in a medicament for a cold. The stimulant in question was banned by UEFA but not by the Italian Federation.

Fontolan has been suspended for a year in the first case of its kind in European competitions since regular drug-testing was brought in for all rounds of the three Cups in 1987-88. UEFA first tested for drugs at the 1980 European championship in Italy. UEFA's statement follows a

letter from Colin Moynihan. the Minister for Sport, to the FA asking why the positive eases had not been reported to have dope tests. Such a move—customary with other national

January ticket sale

announced yesterday that 2.6 the 1490 World Cup football tournament will go on sale ahroad in January and in Italy a month later. Tickets will be available until March 31, 1990; half will be sold in Italy and half abroad.

committee, said that buyers must purchase a series of limited to a maximum of four.

Rome (AP) - The organizers line tapprox £201 for the eheapest seats in Cagliari. million tickets for the finals of Udine and Palermo, where three matches will be played. The highest is 650,000 lire for the best seats in Naples, which is hosting five games, includ-ing a semi-finat

 BERN: Venues for the 1989 Luca di Montezemolo, head finals of the European elub of the Italia '90 organizing tournaments have been announced by UEFA: European Cup final - Barcelona. May tickets for all matches played 24: Cup Winners Cup final in one city. Each buyer will be Lausanne, May 10; DEFA Cup final - home and away The lowest price is 48,000 games on May 3 and May 17.

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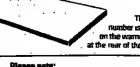
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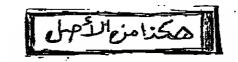
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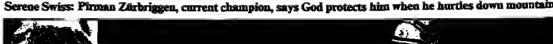
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Going rapidly downhill: skiing's



Crazy Canuck: Rob Boyd of Canada landed on his head last year, has high hopes for the World Cup this year Serene Swiss: Pirman Zürbriggen, current champion, says God protects him when he hurtles down mountains







Fast lady: Michela Figini, defending woman's champion, says of the dangers, 'One bad turn is all it takes . . .' Peter the great: Peter Müller, favourite to retain the world championship title, is Zürbriggen's deadliest rival

test of skier and mountain starts this weekend. Iain Macleod

reports

There are few more stirring or awe-inspiring sights in hurtling at speeds of more than 60mph on a precipitous two-mile downhill course. Downhill skiing attracts a special breed. But however good the technique, however fine the co-ordination of mind and body, it requires only a momentary lapse of concentration for all to go awry. The lucky ones escape with bruises. This weekend the supreme

test of skiing-man versus mountain starts in Val d'Isère, when the world's best downhill racers join season-long combat for the coveted World Cup title. The extended joust, the most dangerous competition in the sport, will take the skiers on a tour of the jagged peaks of two conti-nents: the Old World in December and January, the North American resorts in . February.

There is an added attraction in the shape of the world championships in Vail, Colorado, this seasoo. But for many skiers the financial reward from a world title in Vail will be secondary to the satisfaction of winning the gruelling campaign for World Cup supremacy.

Downhill racers have long been characterized as wild men with unconventional lifestyles. Yet the present World Cup and Olympic champion, Pirman Zürbriggen, is a quiet, deeply religious man of almost boyish innocence. Having won every major

honour and amassed earnings of about £1.5 million, he speaks with heartfelt sincerity when he claims God protects bira each time he hurtles down the side of a mountaio. Zürbriggen lives with his family in the small village of

Saas Almagell in the Valais

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For me, it was NICKLAUS' fifth win in '75; in probably the greatest masters of all time.

> OK, sure, but the real turning point in golf was JACKLIN'S BRITISH OPEN victory at LYTHAM.

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business affairs are handled by his agent, Marc Biever: the one overt concession to commercial success is a £30,000 white Mercedes.

But the danger presented by his chosen sport is never far away. Zúrbriggen's father, Alois, was a keen skier in his younger days who saw his younger brother killed in a fall. Alois never returned to tbe slopes.

The families of everyone in the sport know the risks. "One bad turn is all that it needs ... " says Michela Figini, of Switzerland, the women's defending cham-pion. Last season Figini suffered what appeared a spectacular and horrifying crash within reach of the finish of the demanding Leukerbad course, yet somehow managed to veer her body in the direction of the line and, astonishingly, won the race.

eter Müller, another Swiss racer and Zürbriggen's greatest rival, did not escape so lightly. In 1981 he seemed about to add to his laurels one of the sport's two classic downhills, the Lauberhorn at Wengen.

The Lauberhorn is the oldest and longest race on the calendar and one of the most picturesque, with the Eiger and the Jungfrau offering a spectacular backdrop. Muller's fall occurred within yards of success, at one of the sport's most awesome finishes, and made for some of the year's most compelling televised sport.

"I ran a great race," he recalls. "I had the fastest intermediate time and I was sure I was going to win. But I had a big jump, sat back on the skis, and the next thing I was

in the straw bales." Müller will be strongly favoured to retain his world title at the world championships, which begin at the end of January. Before that comes one of the showpieces of the sport, the Hahnenkamm at Kitzbühel, "You must be just a little bit more crazy to win at Kitzbühel," Müller remarked with a smile.

The Hahnenkamm is unrivalled for its dramatic descent. The Tyrolian resort is the ultimate test for any downhiller: a concentrated

what sport is all about. "I think it is a great feeling," he says. The racing itself is exhilarating. You must know whether you are fast or slow, and wby

it takes only one mistake." And, lest anyone doubts the menace posed by the mighty Streif course, the Canadian Todd Brooker two years ago offered a chilling example of the fine dividing line between this world and the next. Brooker suffered an appalling fall which saw him cartwheel 90 yards into the safety fence. Although he recovered, he has

never raced again.
The Canadians are a special breed of skier. They have long exuded the traditional downhill image of wild men and wild parties. Men like Brooker, Ken Read and Steve Podborski are not for nothing known affectionately as the 'Crazy Canucks''.

Now a new generation of Canucks has emerged. Rob Boyd, an amiable 21-year-old from Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, competes in the best tradition of Canadian downhillers: all or nothing. "Really," he says, speaking of Wengen with the impudence of youth, "the only test there is endurance.

Boyd landed on his head during a training run at Are in Sweden last year. A suspected cracked vertebra did not materialize, and neither did his real form in Calgary.

Boyd, like Muller, places more value on securing the World Cup title. "You have to win three, four or five races and then you are the best." None the less, the one-off

demands of a world championship bring their own sense of occasion. A world title could be worth n million dollars to the victor. Another Zürbriggen-Müller one-two, as in Calgary, cannot be discounted - though not nec-essarily in that order. It is not insignificant that the 1982 Olympic champion, Bernhard Russi of Switzerland, who codesigned the Calgary course with its twists and turns and steep 75-degree slope at the top, also constructed the world championship course at

Beaver Creek. The course has a unique concept: a tunnel, 135 metres long with three banked turns, not dissimilar to what one might find on a bobsleigh run.



Take-off time: Martin Bell opens his season tomorrow with the downhill at Val d'Isère

LESLEY BECK (24): Brit-ain's top female skier. Versatik

performer whose strengths lie in statom and giant statom.

Emphasized her potential when she finished tenth in the 1987 world championship

statom at Crans Montana, Fin-

ished in thirteenth and six-

teenth places in World Cup sialoms last year.

RONALD DUNCAN (26): Has twice won the British downhill title and was a

member of tha senior squad in 1980. Suffered from injury last season and finished a dis-

VALERIE SCOTT (21): Competent all-round performer

who achieved her best re-sult in 1986 when she won a

Arcs. Lika Beck, her strongest disciplines ara slalom and

giant statom; British No 2.

FIS glant slalom in Les

appointing 38th in the Cal-gary downhill.

THE BRITISH CHALLENGERS

A Figini first in snowfall

From Iain Macleod, Val d'Isère

to find snow falling heavily, grous positions. Figini, how-the organizers of the 33rd ever, was determined, even

The Swiss World Cup champion remained unperturbed by the snow, mist and varying conditions along the length of the course, 10 win in style the eleventh downhill of her career.

Figini completed the 1,867 metres of the O-K piste in 1min 11.58sec, her margin of victory a comfortable 0.21 seconds ahead of Regine Mosenlechner, of West Germany. Another German, Michaela Gerg, was third. The transformation in the

weather was remarkable: the near autumnal conditions of the previous day had given way to persistent flurries of snow which, Figini remarked, was not a problem".

On the evidence of her four training runs the late starters

WORLD CUP CALENDAR

February 12: Ski Sunday from Vail - world championships. March 26: Ski Sunday — Whistler Mountain (men). This season's BBC World Cup

coverage will he along tra-ditional lines. All the major European downhills and other selected races will be shown in selected races will be shown in savan Ski Sunday programmes. A special edition, with coverage of the men's downhill in Saint Anton, will go out on December 22.

Coverage of the world championships in Vaii will be shown in two Ski Sunday specials on February 5 and 12. Tha men's downhill on February 4 will be shown live. There will also be coverage in Sportshight and Grandstand

and every race is to be covered. A preview will go out on January 29, the eve of the championships.

As Val d'Isère vesterday woke were in the most advanta-Criterium de La Première from an early start number of Niege breathed a huge sigh of five, to ensure that any advanrelief. But as the snow was tage gained by the non-seeded unexpected. The same could racers would be nullified by not be said of Michela Figini's her own performance which. victory in the opening World in the event, was courageous Cup women's downhill of the and technically superb.

Figini said conditions were better than they appeared: "There was mist in the Meadows (the top part) hut visibility was not a problem." she said. "I saw everything."

She refused, though, to be intoxicated by the scent of victory. "This is only the first race," she emphasized. "It doesn't mean so much. It's a long season and many things Perhaps so. But having

overcome a series of minor injuries which last season hindered her Olympic ished ninth in last Saturday's super giant slalom, has inti-mated that her desire for success is stronger than ever.

Figini, intriguingly, puts her new-found confidence down to Ewald Meier, a recent addition to the Swiss coaching

Meier is officially listed as the 'magnetopath', someone who apparently specializes in supernatural healing methods by use of the hands. What his precise function is, no one seems to know; but, he "cured" Franck Piccard, of France, prior to winning the Olympic super-G title, and his influence seems to have given Figini a new lease of life.

Prigini a new lease of life.

RESULT: 1. M Figer (Switz). Imin 11.58sec. 2. R Mosantechner (WG). 1:11.79; 3. M Gerg (WG). 1:11.84; 4. C Merle (Fr). 1:11.96; 5. V Wallinger (Austria). 1:12.09; 8. K Percy (Can). 1:12.14; 7. H Zurbriggen (Switz). 1:12.20; 6. K Gutensohn (Austria). 1:12.20; 6. K Gutensohn (Austria). 1:12.20; 13. S. acidetier (Austria); 10. C Bourniassen (Switz). 1:12.35; 11. M Walliser (Switz). 1:12.35; 11. M Walliser (Switz). 1:12.50; 13. U Stengasskiper (WG). 1:12.76; 14. C Emoret (Fr). 1:12.81; 15. Eder (Austria). 1:12.85; 16. A Gafner (Switz). 1:12.87; 17. A Wachter (Austria). 1:12.91; 18. T Stengabrunner (Switz). 1:12.82; 19. Z Hass (Switz). 1:13.01, 20. Laroche (Can). 1:13.06. Overall World Cup standings (after three races): 1, Merie, 37bts, equal 2, Mosantechner, U Maser (Austria), and A Wachter (Austria). 35; 5. Figm. 34, 6. V Schneider (Switz), 32

WORLD CUP ON BBC TV

December 2-4: Val d'Isère. France: two men's downhills and a woman's downhill. December 6: Sestrière, Italy: man'a statom. December 10: Val Gardena, Italy: man's downhill. December 10: 11: Crans-Montana, Switzerland: wom-en's downhill, slalom and

December 11: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy: men's stalom. December 13: Courmayeur, Italy: women's slalom. Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia: men's statom and giant

December 17 - 18: Val Zoldana, Italy: women's giant slatom and super giant

December 21 - 22: Saint Anton, Austria: men's downhill, alalom and combination. December 22: Altenmarkt. January 3 - 4, 1989: Manbor, Yugoslavia: women's sla-lom and giant slalom. January 6 - 7: Schwarzanburg, Austria: two woman's giant statoms.

January 7 — 8: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany: men's downhill and nuper giant slalom. January 8: Mallau, Austria: women'n slalom. January 13 — 15: Kitzbühal,

Austria: two men's downhill, slalom and combination. January 14 - 15: Grindel-wald, Switzarland: women's January 17: Adelboden. Switzerland: men's giant

January 20 — 21: Pfronten, West Germany: women's downhill and super giant

January 21 - 22: Wengen, Switzerland: men's downhill slalom and combination. January 22: Oberstauten, West Germany: women's giant

January 29 — February 12: world championships: Vall, United Statas. February 17 - 19; Aspen, United States: man's downhill, giant slalom and super giant slalom.

February 18 — 19: Lake Louise, Canada; two women's Fabruary 25 — 26: Whistler Mountain, Canada: men's

downhill and super giant slalom. February 25 - 26: Steamboat Springs, United States: woman's downhill and March 3 - 6: Furano, Ja-pan: men's slaiom and giant slalom; women's slalom and glant slalom. March 9 - 12: Shigakogen,

women's slalom and parallel slalom.

IN BRIEF

SWIMMING

A day for Wilson to remember

While not quite a performance to match the achievements of his namesake in The Wizard. lan Wilson yesterday got the Stakis thternational at Dundee off to a suitably rapid start hy knocking nearly 67sec off his own best to win a 1,500 metres free-style race, which he had completely dominated.

It has niready been a good week for Wilson, from the Borough of Sunderland club, having been told he will be able to celebrate his eighteenth birth-day on tour with the English team at the World Cup meeting in Indianapolis later this month-Yesterday, though, may have marked his competitive coming

of age, for after taking two national short-course titles at Plymouth last month, his 15min 21.17sec was exactly six seconds faster than Tony Day, the experienced international, had managed at the same meeting The final of the women's 200 metres medley in the Milk in Action grand prix meeting pro-

vided a sample of what is in store, as the twin challenge of the Muis sisters, from The Netherlands, relegated Brownsdon to third place. Brownsdon swims the event again next week, in the Euro-

pean Cup at Edinburgh, when the opposition from throughout the Continent is likely to be stronger still. After being overtaken on the backstroke stage. Brownsdon never regained the lead, her breaststroke could only lead, her breaststroke could only bring her level with Mariane Muis at the penultimate turn, and the free-style of Mildred Muis gained her second place at

RESULTS: Men: 1.500m free-style: 1. I Wison (Borough of Sunderland), 15min-21.17sec: 2. C McNeil (Paskey), 15:50.63: 3. R Noble (String), 15:57.27. Women: 200m mdwidual modley: 1, Menane Muss (Neth), 2.17.87. 2, Midred Mus (Neth), 2.17.87. 2, Midred Mus (Neth),

FISHING

Warning over poaching of salmon stock

Salmon angling is under threat from the poachers of "big business" who resort to intimiousiness" who resort to intimi-datory tactics, Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, has warned. Ridley, speaking at the annual dinner of the Salmon and Trout

Association, said: "We are no longer dealing with those who are after penny numbers of salmon. Poaching is big business saumon. Foacating is orgonisms and it invariably involves highly organized and quite ruthless gangs who will happily poison whole stretches of river.

Ridley, said the Government was clamping down on the abuse. Under the new Salmon Act, poachers can be jailed for up to two years and fined an unlimited sum if convicted.

McLean is relishing the Ibrox challenge By a Special Correspondent

MARTIN BELL (Age 23): The nation a best-ever skier. Shot to prominence when he finished fifth, skith, eighth

downhills in 1986, placing seventeenth overall. Finest

GRAHAM BELL (21):

moment at the Olympic Games in Calgary, where his eighth place was the best ever by a Briton.

Brother of Martin Bell; career marred by injury. Achieved Britain's best-ever result by winning a silver medal in

the downhill at the 1984 world

junior championships. A broken collarbone and torn

ligaments the following year restricted his progress. Has

worked hard to redeem fit-

ness and form and was re-warded last season with

tenth place in the Leukerbad downhill.

FOOTBALL

The sight of Rangers perched imperiously at the top of the premier division is not a new one. But their position, four points clear of the pack and with their newly-acquired financial backing, has even led to some making charges of despotism. Tomorrow it is the turn af Dundee United to try to tame

the men of lhrox on their own pitch. And Jim McLean and his team are quite capable of causing disquier.
They may not have been operating with maximum eff-iciency this season, but their know-how in the ways of top-pling giants is something to be

reckoned with.

Quite apart from which, as MeLean readily points out, their away record so far in the League is impressive. Having lost only once — to Celtie — his side can go out this internoon with some feeling of confidence. At Ihrox last Saturday Aberdeen froze.
MeLean is adamant it won't

three years ago, when we were beaten before we even started there." MeLean said yesterday. row we will go forward and look

United will have to do so without Irvine. Meade or Clarke, all of whom are carrying injuries. That, however, was offset yesterday by the news that Paul Sturrock is continuing to mend. He has turned out for the reserves and should soon be available for selection.

Walter Smith, part of the Ihrox management team, is a former coach to United and

knows better than most the ways of loday's enemy. After announcing that Rangers would still be without Woods, McCoist and Derek Ferguson. he gave bis appreciation of the job at hand. "United have not been given enough credit for some of their performances, and myay from

home they are especially dan-grous." he said.

Celtie will test the strength of

Motherwell at Fir Park. Although they, too, have injury worries - no Miller, and too carly yet for Grant or Walker — their manager. Billy McNeill, is noticeably huoyant. By 5 o'clock tonight he hopes his side's League position will be as well. "it's been gratifying to me that those players who were under fire at the start of the

season are now responding to the challenge." he said. "We may still be six points behind Rangers. but that is not insurmountable." Dundee and Hearts have things to sort out in more ways

than one at Dens Park. Tosh McKinlay, the home side's full back, looks certain to join the Tynecastle club for £200,000 next week. First, however, he must attempt to spite them. Hearts will be without Dave McPherson, who is suspended. Aberdeen, still numb from their throx dismissal last week attempt to reassert themselves against Hamilton. Hibernian

Scars heal for injured trio

By Louise Taylor

A trio of forgotten first division A trio of forgotten first division players are poised to end mouths of frustration by returning to formerly familiar Saturday afternoon routines today. The careers of Paul Bracewell of Everton, Lloyd McGrath of Coventry and Ian Knight of Sheffield Wednesday have all been placed in real jeopardy by the sort of serious injuries that professional footballers prefer not to think about.

Bracewell was in the process

Bracewell was in the process of establishing himself in the England midfield when he in-jured an ankle at Newcastle on New Year's Day 1986. Aided by painkilling injections he played on until the spring but has not started a League game since the start of the 1986-87 season. In the interim he has endured a scries of ankie operations in Liverpool, London and America. However this afternoon be

replaces Peter Reid, who is himself injured, in the Everton midfield for the home match against Tottenham Hotspur. Similarly McGrath returns to the Coventry team for the away

fixture at Queen's Park Rangers for the first time since breaking a leg during a Simod Cup tie last February in place of Smith who has a hamstring injury.

It is 22 months since Ian Knight's leg was so badly broken that it was in danger of amputation following a tackle by Gary Bennett, of Chester City during an FA Cup tie. The intervening months have involved a slow, agonising and painful rehabilitation but today he is included in

the Wednesday squad for the visit of Derby County. The torment, insecurity, and boredom involved in recuperation from a long-term injury are just beginning for Norman

Whiteside of Manchester United, however. He had an operation on an Achilles tendon injury yesterday and could be out of action for the remainder

of the season.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "Norman has been playing under some pain and my worst fears were con-

John Barnwell, the manager of Notts County, was dismissed yesterday. John Newman, his assistant, has assumed temporary control of the team. • Aston Villa are to play the Israeli national team in a friendly match in Tel Aviv on December 20. Mirko Lulic, a full back with Dynamo Zagreb, has completed a fortnight's trial with Villa and will return to Yugoslavia this weekend. Villa have yet to make a decision about his future.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division Luton v Newcastle Il Harford (ankle) tails a late fitness test Black will move to attack, creating a place for Hill in midfield. Newcastle field the side which drew 0-0 with Manchester United last Sunday. Sheff Wed v Derby

Sheff Wed v Denby
Knight, without a senior
appearance since breaking a leg 22
months ago, is included in a 16
man squad for Wednesday who
choose between Turner and
Pressman in goal. Goddard (ankle)
is Derby's sole injury worry. Everton v Tottenham Raid (knee) is ruled out to Bracewell definitely makes his first League appearance of the season for Everton. Walsh and Statham are aided to the Tottenham equad.

Man Utd v Charlton Martin plays at left back for United allowing Blackmore to move Into midfield. Strachan, Milno. Sharpe and Gill compete for two places on the flanks. With Shirtliff and Lee suspended. Chariton are likely to call on Minto and Evans, two teenagers, in addition to Crooks, now recovered from the knee injury.

N Forest v Middlesbrough If Forest drop Chapman,
Starbuck will take over at centre
toward with Carr. fit again,
returning to the right wing. If Foster
lails in fitness test, Wassall will
continue in defence. Middlesbrough
tales setcring from 13. delay selection from 13.

McGrath is expected to start his first full game for Coventry since breaking a leg last February in place of Smith (hamstring).

Aston Villa v Norwich Villa retain the side which beat Ipswich 6-2 in midweek. Rosario and Crook are fit again and compete with Allen and Townsend for places in the Norwich side. Second division Crystal Palace v Man City

Wright (flu) and Burke (ankle) face late fitness tests for Palace as do Lake and Brightwell for City who are still without Hinchillte (suspended) so Gleghorn could remain in the side. Tomorrow Arsenal v Liverpool Marwoood has recovered from flu and is added to the 13 on duty lest week. With Nicol (ribs), Rush (hip), Barnes (hemstring) and Burrows (call) all facing litness tests for Liverpool, Watson could step into the defensive breach.

HOCKEY Hounslow look to Thompson

December 4: Ski Sunday from Val d'Isère (men and

women). December 11: Ski Sunday

from Val Gardena (men with coverage of women's events in Crans Montana). December 18: Ski Sunday

(coverage of men's events

Kranjska Gora and wom-an'a events in Altenmarkt).

coverage of women's events in Meliau).
January 15: Ski Sunday

from Kitzbuhei (men) January 22: Ski Sunday from Wengen (men) January 29: Ski Sunday,

February 4: Live coverage from Vail of world champ-

lonship men a downhill. February 5: Ski Sunday from Vail — world

world championships preview.

December 22: Ski Sunday from Saint Anton (men). January 8, 1988: Ski Sun-day from Garmisch (men, with

comes the venue today for two important matches, starting at the same time on adjacent national league. Hounslow meet Teddington and Indian Gym-

khana take on Stourport.
After their 2-I defeat by Cambridge City, on November 19, Hounslow regained their rhythm and confidence with two resounding victories last week-end, 6-0 against Warrington in the teague and 8-1 over Fleet in the cup.

The return of Thompson last week from injury put new life into the Hounslow attack which will again be without the injured Teddington are making no

changes which means that Billson, Benzies, Barker, Walker, and McGuire, will make up their front line which will need to run extra fast to uplift themselves from seventh position. Hounslow are fourth. position. Hounslow are fourth. Indian Gymkhana, third on the table, can expect a strong challenge from Stourport, sixth on the table, and looking sharper with Sherwani prominent in their attack. Likewise Somhgate, second on the table, can expect no easy ride agaiost Bromley at White Hart Lane. League leaders, Havant, seem League leaders, Havant, seem unlikely to be troubled at bome by Warrington. The two Yorkshire clubs, Welton, and Wakefield, both in the bottom half of the table, meet at Scholemoor. Reading, second division leaders, have a tough match against Guildford, who have reached the fifth round of the

Richard Dodds, the Great Britain captain, will lead a side which will include a few Olympic players in a match tomorrow at Chichester to mark the open-ing of the club's new artificial turf pitch at Kingsham Field.

The Great Britain Men's Hockey Board announced yes-terday that Bernie Cotton had been appointed to succeed the retiring team manager, Roger Self,

new territory

Five of the teams had a struggle to qualify from their territorial county champion-ships. Avon and Middlesex did

throughout the country.

BOXING

Nelson is the man for McGuigan

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan was yesterday counting his blessings, the costs and money still to be made from boxing after his warm-up that turned into a war against Julio Miranda, of Argentina, on Thursday night in London Thursday night in London.

He will reveal his conclusions after Christmas, having had plastic surgery on his left eye and medical attention to his right hand. But his friends and critics believe that there cannot be more than a couple of bouts left in him, which could earn him about £1 million.

Only Frank Warren, McGuigan's manager and promoter, refused to admit that the

old McGuigan was no longer there and was convinced that the Irishman could earn "megabucks" in a unification series involving Azumah Nelson, the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight champion, Tony Lopez, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) titleholder, or Jeff Fenech, the IBF featherweight

"Barry watched a video of his "Barry watched a video of his fight and was generally pleased," Warren said. "In the early stages he tensed himself np looking for the big punch but when he finally relaxed things came to-gether. Miranda proved to be a capable opponent. He had never been on the floor before, but Barry put him down twice."

An American boxing follower An American boxing follower observed: "He should quit right now or when be gets top level he could have his head handed to him; he gets hit so easily.

Yorkshire in

The National Westminster Bank county championship finals are being played at Canterbury this weekend — the final is tomorrow afternoon - with only Yorkshire of the territorial champions compet-ing for the first time (Joyce Whitehead writes).

ships. Avon and Middlesex did it on goal difference, Essex by tieing with Kent (who qualified automatically as the holders) and Staffordshire and Yorkshire by winning their last games. It will be interesting to see what differences, if any, there are in the standard of play throughout the country.

But then McGuigan has al-

Hut then McGuigan has always been easy to hit, as Eusebio Pedroza and Bernard Taylor showed, but the old McGuigan had so much speed that he always caught up with the aggressor before too long. He overhauded Miranda in the sight annual kirt not as he used eighth round but not as he used to, and nor is Miranda in the Taylor or Pedroza class.

McGuigan lacked speed, timing, that devastating left book and above all mental sharpness — the sign of a fading boxer. He depended too much on the heavy right hand instead of the explosive left.

There really is one one big fight left in him — against Nelson. Even though the Ghanaian is a formidable double champion it is the sort of challenge for which McGuigan can "get himself np" and knock Nelson ont. Unlike the Argentinian "Squirrel". Nelson. Argentinian "Squirrel", Nelson, aged 31, is slow, can be bit and not too steady on his feet. The other two champions are best avoided: Lopez could be too sharp and clever while Fenech, of Australia, is as hard as Ayers

Warren is most likely to get a call from Ghana. Nelson's agent, James Yerboah, was rubbing his hands on Thursday night. "I am sending the tape to Azumah, who is fighting next week," he said. According to Yerboah, Don King, Nelson's promoter, will make McGuigan an offer in the new year.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker's arrival is timed to perfection

From Jenny MacArthur, Bordeaux

vesterday when he arrived at the Volvo World Cup meeting here five minutes before the end of the opening speed class - due to a delayed flight from London. a delayed riight from London, arena but was ordered out, it was Whitaker's turn.

The Argentinian-bred San the dismay of the partisan crowd, mostly school children, over the fences, jumping at who were preparing to acclaim Philippe Rozier, of France, on Malenan Jiva the winner. Rozicr finished runner-up with ahead of Rozier. his compatriot Michel Robert,

on Pequignet Olban de Malves. Whitaker, after a quick course briefing from David Broome, who had collected four faults on Queensway Countryman, was ready first and entered the ring. The organizers wanted Smith in first, as on the starting list, and ordered Whitaker out and

Smith in.

Smith, on Brook Street Silver

Dust, was clearly having trouble remembering the course and was stalling for time. When he

John Whitaker's precision timering was seen to dramatic effect creditable clear round to finish

Skelton, who had been hurriedly briefed by Michael Whitaker, then came into the arena but was ordered out, It

over the fences, jumping at impossible looking angles and cutting corners to finish in 45.37 seconds - a fraction of a second Skelton the last to go on his

Wembley foxbunter champion, Don Kelly, opted for a steadier but also clear — round on the young mare posing no threat to Whitaker. Whitaker, despite all the furore retained his usual in-

scrutable expression on hearing himself declared the winner Perhaps I should always time it

Bans are reduced by ASA

Eleven British water polo players, including four inter-nationals, who took part in a private, unsanctioned four-match tour of South Africa earlier this year, have been suspended from competition for four months by the Amateur Swimming Association (Steven Downes writes).

After a series of hearings and appeals, the suspension represents a substantial relaxation of an earlier, 18-month ban. The players have been suspended until March 26 for not seeking permission to compete abroad and because they competed outside the jurisdiction of Fina.

Lydon guilty

Joe Lydon, the Great Britain and Wigan rugby league player, was given a suspended ninemonth prison sentence ves-terday after being found guilty of head-burning a boy spectator. Lydon was found guilty at Liverpool Crown Court of unlawfully wounding Paul Needham, aged 15, who was one of a group of boys who ran on to the pitch at St Helens after a match last Easter, A St Helens supporter, the boy needed stitches in a two-inch head injury. Lydon was also urdered to pay £1.000 costs.

New liability

Lloyd's of London, which holds the National Hockey League's liability insurance policy, has expressed concern about public threats by players to injure each other. Lloyd's has warned the NHL players union that contin-ued threats of injury could jcopardize the league's in-surance policy, which covers accidental injuries and

In the chase

Fukuoka. Japan (AFP) — Belanyenh Densimu, of Ethiopia, will have his first outing since setting the world's fastest marathon time when he runs in the Fukuoka marathon here tomorrow. Densimo, aged 23, set his world best of 2hr 6min 50sec_in_Rotterdam_last_April hus Ethiopia's boycott forced him to miss the Olympic Games

Record lift

Jakarta (Reuter) - Xing Fen. of China, yesterday became the first woman to lift twice her own weight when she set a clean and jerk world record of 90kg, 20kg more than the previous best, in the 43.5kg category at the wom-en's world championships. Choi Myung-shik, of South Korea, the silver medal winner in the same category, also broke the previous record with a lift of 75kg.

Australia rue early misses as Richards pounces

From John Woodcock, Perth

take an advantage over West Indies when the second Test match started here yesterday. and a sorry mess they made of it In overcasi weather West Indies scored 280 for four as Australions, young and old, rued the catches that went to ground and the long hops and full tosses which rattled to the

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It was only a mercy that Border and not Richards won the loss. The bounce means that it is always likely to be a useful pitch to bowl on, but never more so, I fancy, than yesterday morning, when, had Australia fielded decently, they could have had half the West Indians out by lunch.

First Haynes, by Boon at third slip off Lawson; then Greenidge, by Waugh at first slip off Hughes; and then Hooper, by Marsh in the gully off Lawson, were put down, Greenidge when he was five and Hooper off his first ball, The despair among the Australian players was there for all 10 sense.

The chances were really not very difficult; but no one seemed surprised to see them dropped. Boon's carried quite comfortably as he fell forward for it; Waugh's was twohanded, just above his head; Marsh had to go to his right for his, but got there easily enough. In Pakistan recently the same thing happened. The first two Test matches were. apparently, a catalogue of sucb

They don't call it catching here these days. Bobby Simpson, Australia's coach, refers to his side as having been practicing their "aerial work". I suppose that makes him the aerial work supervisor. But little good it has done them and there was never a time when it was more important for an Australian side to have safe hands.

Eventually, almost in-evitably, the bowling itself became correspondingly untidy. There had been a wholehearted opening spell by Hughes: Lawson had his moments and Waugh was unlucky. But the fundamentals were neglected. There was a place to bowl - down what has become known as "the corridor", just outside the off stump to a mean length - and an Australian Test side should be capable of doing it. Against opponents whom they hold in less awe, they probably would be; but that is as much to the credit as to the advantage of

the West Indians. it was being said last night that Australia brought their iroubles upon themselves by leaving out McDermott But calching, or not catching, as they did, his inclusion would have made little difference.

CYCLING

British lose

advantage

of home ride

The best international field ever

to race in Britain poses prob-lems for the home squad of four in tomorrow's Folcon Notions

Cup cyclo-cross at Sunon Park, Birmingham | Peter Bryan

writes). The home course of run and ride provides the British squad with no advantages; a more compact circuit, although

based on the original, will be run

After two rounds of the 10-

nation winter series, Britain is fourth in the team standings

France has a commanding

individual calegories.

Australia had a fine chance to The West Indians, too, did ploy extremely well, their good fortune not withstanding. If Richards's 95 not out, made off 10g balls, took pride of place, the others did their part.

Richards's first 50 was too chancey, not to say reckless, for this to be one of his more memorable innings; but the long hop and the half volley were hooked and driven with almighty power, and the dis-dain with which he handled all the bowling can only have disheartened the Australians. By the time the umpires gave the batsmen the light, with 25 minutes left, Richards had been making it plain for sometime that they should be going off.

By getting to the tenth over before being leg before to Hughes, aiming to leg. He ynes's contribution was not negligible. For the second wicket Greenidge and Richardson added 66 before Greenidge, trying to force Lawson through the off side. played on. Only when he had started to limp half an hour earlier had Greenidge begun to drive the fielders back.

Lucky early on with something that was thrown up just out of short leg reach, and beaten several times by Weugh, Richardson refused to be put off his game. Hooper. for his part, made an agreeable 26, before driving Lawson straight to extra cover. Richardson, booking once too often, eventually skied Hughes gently to mid-on. That was 180 for four, but the most confident and

troublefree batting of the day

was yet to come in the shape of an unbroken partnership of 100 by Richards and Logie. Richards offered one chance - when he was 62 off the day's only over of spin. Coming back after a short break for rain. May was given the wet ball. With his second ball be nearly had his head taken off as Richards drove it for four, off the next came a low, sharp return chance off a full toss. All day only the

crowd - the ground, which holds 30,000, was perhaps a quarter full - showed that the ing better. WEST INDIES: First innings Hooper c Boon b Lawson A Richards not out

simplest chances stuck, and I

am afraid that the size of the

Total |4 wktsl tP J Dujon, M O Marshall, B P Patterson, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh. ALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-82, 3-126, 4-

180.

BOWLING: Lawson 23-5-62-2, Hughes 22-4-83-2, Dodemarde 12-1-58-0, Waugh 16-1-61-0, May 1-0-10-0.

AUSTRALIA: "A R Border (capt). G R Marsh, O C Boon, A I C Dodemarde, ri A Healy, M G Hughes, G F Lawson, T B A May, M R J Veretta, S R Waugh, G M Mood. Umpires Y Prue and R Bailhache.



Legging it: Greenidge books Dodemaide to the boundary

Smith has answer to Ayub's wiles

New Zealand recovered from a batsman, who had struggled for precarious position courtesy of on unbroken stand of 137 runs for the seventh wicket by Greatbatch and Smith on the opening day of the third and final Test match against India at the Lal Bahadur stadium here

Earlier New Zealand were tottering at 91 for six before their highest partnership of the series, enabled the lourists to reach 228 without further loss at 1228 of the 1228 without further loss at 1228 of the 1228 without further loss at 1228 of the 1228 of t close of play. The inept catching of the Indian fielders allowed New Zealand back into the

Greatbatch was put down by Azharuddin at short gully off Ayub from the first ball he faced again escaped when on 57 when More made a meal of the easiest of stumpings off Hirwani. Smith was lucky to survive when on live, Kapil in the slips grassing a knee-high chance off Ayub.

Ayub, the off-spia bowler, began the slide with his first ball diving to his right to hold a return chance from Wright who made 17. Ayub dismissed three bassmen in 22 balls giving away just nine runs in a menacing pre-lunch spell after Wright had won the toss and decided 10 bat first.
Jones went for the sweep too carry and was aicely held in the slip. A superb calch by Arun Lal

misling a sweep off Hirwani.
Kuggeleijn followed soon
after, caught in the gully by
Vengsarkar, and Hadlee ballooned o catch to Azharuddin at long off before Greatbatch and Smith began the repair job. Although watch ful.

81 minutes to make seven, and Bloin was bowled round his legs

Although watch ful, Greatbatch rarely let o loose delivery go unpunished. Most of his eight boundaries were struck through the covers. He faced 205 balls in a stay of 258 minutes to record his second 50 in Tests. Smith posted his second successive half century

Snedden. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-33, 3-38, 4-82, 5-90, 6-91. BOWLING: Kapri Dev 20-4-63-0; Sharma 10-2-25-0; Ayub 30-9-55-4; Shastri 6-2-15-0; Hirwan 15-2-51-2; Srikkanth 1-0-6-

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INDIA: "D 8 Vengsarkar, K Srikkanth,
Arun Lai, N S Siddhu, M Azharuddin, R J
Shastri, Kapil Dev. †K S More, N Herwani,
A Ayub S Sharma,
Umpires, R 8 Gupte and S K Ghosh,

got rid of Franklin, the opening **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Match haunted by violence

Naughton Park this afternoon during the John Player Special Trophy quarter-final game be-tween Widnes ond Warrington. and the tension will not merely Everyone in rugby league will be hoping and praying that this full-blooded derby confronta-tion does not explode into the free-for-all that besmirched the image of the code of the end of last season, when fights broke out on the field, in the crowd and between players ond spectators.

Fingers will be crossed all round

behind France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia. One man whose memories will be particularly bitter is the Warrington winger. Des Drumvictory from the national champion. Steve Douce, last weekend when the latter was brought mond, who missed his choose of going on lour because of in-cidents which took place off the dowo near the end of the London International, leads the field of play involving a spectator.

Drummond, and everyone connected with rugby league, will want no repetition of those

shameful scenes. They will expect Widnes and Warrington to produce a derby match of quality, commitment and entertainment value, as befus two of overturning a northern side the finest sides in the first division. Widnes should advance to the semi-finals primarvance to the semi-tinals primar-ily because they have home advantage, but also because their team has been largely unchanged throughout the season and plays as a unit without visible faults or weaknesses.

Warrington, under their new warrington, under their new coach, Brian Johnson, ore without their injured full back, David Lyon, but have won well against Leeds and Bramley, and will lift their game as always ogainst Their ancient rivals. However, Widnes look the best all result for in the Leegus of all-round team in the League of the moment, with due deference 10 Castleford.

If there is to be a surprise in the quarter-finals it could come the quarter-finals it could come should be enough to beat a all Bradford iomorrow. The top struggling Rovers side.

overturning a northern side which won well at Castleford last week, but tends to disintegraie under pressure.

Wakefield Trinity travel to St Wakefield Trinity travel to St Helens very much cast as underdogs, but the Saints have shown indifferent form of late. The decision to talk out of retirement Steve "Knocker" Norton, aged 37, has given the Trinity pack a leader of proven ball skills, allowing the New Zealander, Mark Graham, to exploit his own attacking talents ploit his own attacking talents. Wigan travel to face Hull Kingsion Rovers on Humberside again without the sus-pended Dean Bell and Gerard Byrne, and with other players nursing injuries, but their powerful olf-round squad

RUGBY UNION: MANY CLUBS GIVE TWICKENHAM THINK TANK SCANT ATTENTION

Diplock the only Welsh By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent new cap

By David Hands

Richard Diplock, who joined Bridgend this season and made an immediate impression with bis bard, direct running, will win his first cap when Wales play Romania io Cardiff next Sat-urday. He is the only newcomer in o XV showing seven changes from that which beat Western Samoa 28-6 last month.

The disappointment of that The disappointment of that showing extends particularly to the backs, aone of whom outside the half backs have been retained though Carwyn Davies, the Llanelli wing, is iojured and Mike Hall, the Cambridge University centre who was on the wing that day, has withdrawn because the Welsh selectors require him to play ia either the joternational or the Univerthe international or the Univer-sity match next Tuesday, but oot both.
Clement is preferred ot full

back to Thorburn, whom he replaced late in the game against the Samoans. It was there that he made a distinct impression against England last season and bis selection will wio the approval of those who look to see greater variation offered in

Webbe has been named on the right wing though he has not played for Bridgend for a fortnight because of a knee injury. He must remain is doubt, as must Norster at lock, after being injured playing for the Barbar-ians against the Anstralians last

Devereux, who missed the first two months of this season with o finger iojury, returns to the centre where he is paired with Ring. Among the forwards Warkins returns as hooker, because Wayna Hall, of Bridgend, has a cauliflower car and Collins is preferred at flanker to Rowland Phillips

WALES: A Clement (Swansea): G M C Wabbe (Bridgend), M G Ring (Cardif), J A Deverenx (Bridgend). R Olpleck (Bridgend): J Davies (Lenell, captain), R N Jones (Swansea): M Griffiths (Bridgend), I J Watkins (Ebbw Vale), O Young (Cardif), R G Collins (Cardif), J O M Walarbord (South Wales Police), R L Norster (Cardif), O Bryant (Bridgend), P T Davies (Lianelly, Replezements: P T Thorburn (Neath), 8 Bowen (Swansea), J Griffiths (Lianelly, H Williams-Jones (South Weles Police), K H Phillips (Neath), R Phillips (Neath), R Phillips (Neath)

Renwick to impress

By Alan Lorimer

Scotland play the first of this season's Biniernationals against the knowledge that since the series began in 1985 they have won all three marches and conceded only six points. They will be mindful, though, that the Italian B side scored three tries in losing 26-18 to the Austra-lians in Prato on Wednesday.

Last year, in Aberdeen, the cols won 37-0, scoring seven tries, three by their scrum half, Armstrong. Only five of that side play tomorrow, including the captain. Renwiek, who, in the light of Tukalo's decline, will want 10 press further his claim for full honours.

Renwick's chances of im-pressing the selectors will be all the better for playing in an attacking back division which includes the sprinter. Stark, new centres. McGuffie and Edwards. and the young Melrose stand-off, Chalmers, who, following his 17 points for Scotland under-21s against the young New Zealanders, is likely to assume the responsibilities for goal kicking. Up front, much interest will centre on Wain-wright, the Cambridge Universilv flanker.

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SCOTLAND B: W Wright [Kelso]: L
Remwick (London Scotlish, capt), C
McDurflle (Avr), 2 Edwards
[Boroughmair), 2 Stark (Ayr); C Chaleners
[Meirose], G MacGragor (Glasgow
Academicals), G Graham (Stiring County),
K Miline | Henor's FP), P Burnsell (London
Scottish), K Rafferty (Henor's FP), C Gray
[Notungham), J Recherdson (London Scottish), K Rafferty (Henor's FP), C Gray
[Notungham), J Reherdson (Edmburgh
Academicals), R Wainwright (Cambridge
University), C Richardson [London Scottish), Replacements: 2 Shiel | Jed-Forest),
I Jardine (Spring County), J Scott
(Stewart's Menville FP), A Murray (WaiseIoo), D Willine | Henor's FP), J Hay (Hawick).

 The teams for the interdistrict championship match at Linkslield stadium, Aberdeen,

Linksfield stadium, Aberdeen, today are:
NORTH AND MIDLANDS: H Murray (Heriol's FP); C McCartney (Boroghraulr), N Cross (Duntermine), J Thomson (Kurkcatdy), & Ireland (Spring County); C MacGregor (Gordonans), N Allingbism (Henot's FP); G MacKerzie (Highland), M Scott (Duntermine), J Scotble (Glesgow Academicale), & Bell (Highland, capi); I Rankin (Howe of Frie), M Edwards (Boroughmur), & Michee (Ednburgh Academicals), N Harris (Glasgow Academicals), Replacaments: O Love (Gordonans), & Kennedy (Aberdeen GSFP)

GSFP). Dods (Gala): A Stanger (Hawoth, C Redpath (Merose), R Baird, D. Robeson: A Ker (Kelso), D. Giver (Hawoth, C Redpath (Merose), R Baird, D. Robeson: A Ker (Kelso), D. Giver (Hawoti, N Matinoy (Jed-Forest), G. Callander (Kelso), C Guntley (Seliuri), A Campbed, 2 Graban (Hawoth, J. Jeffrey (Kelso), G. Ruscements: R Hogarth (Kelso), G Ruscement: R Hogarth (Kelso), G Ruscemen (Meirose). FOR THE RECORD

Bath reveal the method that makes them tick

Bath, whose playing record both this season and over the last four years makes them England's leading clab, and the Rugby Football Union have not always appeared the happiest of bed-fellows. The same might he said of many a leading club, most of whom have been happy to criticize the RFU at one time or another, but it was to Bath that the union turned at the weekend for a presentation of their play-

Upon the initialive of Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator, the Bath coaching panel, led by Tom Hudson, gava captains, coaches and other representatives of clubs from the three mational divisions of the Courses Championship of the Courage Championship an in-sight into the methods which have kept them so consistently at the top of the pile since their first cup success in 1984.
"We have been accused of not

telling people what we are doing." Rutherford said. "We wanted an interchange of ideas so that captains and coaches of the important clubs cauld hear what we want to do at national level and for us to bear what they had to say." To that end they had to say." To that end the managers and coaches of all England's representative teams, from senior to schoolboys, were at Twickenham for a day which also incorporated a practical session with some of the country's best onder-21 players.

It was somewhat galling for the RFU that 12 of the 36 clabs

concerned - five each from the first and third divisions and two. from the second — were repre-sented either very briefly or not of all, particularly when clubs such as Gosforth and Waterloo such as Gostorin and waterioo had made the effort to attend. Nevertheless, Rutherford hopes it can become an annual exercise and Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said: "Wa have to feel o collective sense of responsibility for the state of our

game. We can't escape that.

"My main concern is the national side but that's a collective vellection of something that's happening week in and week out in our senior clabs. The clubs have the players for a much longer time than I do. The more we spread this message down the better and I hope that

game has pushed them far in advance of all but a handful of area leagues can come along." Rutherford described as other clubs but Hudson put great solutely first class" Bath's presentation which fell under emphasis on Bath's family atmosphere, engendered in a seven heads, all of them decomparatively small community signed to reverse the traditional clab structural pyramid which puts president and committee at of 80,000. "Everyone knows everyone else. Players may come to us because of our performance but once they are in they recognize this opproach. But we the top and the players at the bottom. The first, for instance, discussed management: "Wa have almost an loternotional XV should he helping players in all sorts of directions so we work week by week which is a problem in itself." Hudson. both un coach and player edu-cation. We, as coaches, most be director of physical education at aware of what is happening in our sport and in other sports which means study visits, re-Bath University, said. He detailed Bath's approach

to coaching philosophy; to a hroader ploying vision incor-porating fixtures on the Conti-nent and in the southern search, the sharing of ideas, going abroad. "Rugby is an art but it's also a part-science and we have to hemisphere: to finance, facility planning, player recruitment and sports medicine. "We feel the management of the playing side should have its own bud-get," Hudson went on, "so decisions can be made quickly recognize new methods coming into human performance. W hava adopted integrated conditioning, for skills, attitude, mental preparation. David Rob son is very keen on individuslization and has analysed the without having to wait weeks for weaknesses of our players, where they need to improve."
Bath's senior players are contributing in that orea, as organizers of clicies to a general management decisioa." A figure of around £250,000 as a coaching budget was men-tioned if Both's five-year plan is to be realized. Hadson envisages strengthen specific skills for their colleagues throughout the the involvement of local business, not only in sponsoring the

should maintain their fixtures with top Welsh clubs - "when you go across the Severn Bridge it's always tough" - but he and bis coaching colleagues, Robson and Jack Rowell are seeking fixtures with five leading French elubs and five more from else-where on the Coatment. They bupe the club can moka o biennial tour to the southern bemisphere, the first in 1990, to which and they discussed fix-tures with Boh Dwyer, the Australian coach, during the visit just ended. "We feel the top clabs in this coastry should take the opportunity to play the Australians or New Zealanders. It does motivate players and the

Bath candidly admit that what may suit them may not suit others; their audience could be forgiven if some of them were frightened at the scale of Bath's thinking. "They have o simple philosophy," Rutherford said, "that if you oim for the stors you may reach the moon,"

Chance for North expected to

With history as well as present circumstance on their side, how can the North, the Tosbiba divisional champions, lose their divisional champions, lose their opening round of this season's championship at Otley today? They play the Midlands, who have beateo them only once in five meetings, and whose injury-wrecked side suffered the final blow yesterday with the loss of Richards, England's No. 8.

Such a question, of course, is designed to enthuse the under-

designed to enthuse the underdogs in a competition which, for all the sustained criticism it has received these past three years, should be in buoyant mood just

of the type of attacking, open play we have been trying to ochieve," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, and formerly the North's team

players from the top 60 or so playing each weekend can be considered for the top level."

It would be o mistake, how-

West came out best with o 26-10 victory but the Wallabies were such a variable feast ia the first fortnight of their tour that I would still make the North favourites in the divisional ehampionship.
The Midlands, ofter all, were

devour Midlands By David Hands

"I bope we see a continuation

manager, said.
"Though these matches are not intended as some sort of final eliminators for team places (with England) we have the chance to sort out how many

ever, to draw a line through the divisional performances against the Australians as o guide to form: on points alone the South-

they will be without Richards,

their try-scorer on that occasion. His shoulder injury forces his withdrawal so Cook joins his Nottingham colleague, Rees, who will doubtless give Pears, the North's stand-off half, in place of the iojured Andrew, B testing divisional debut.

London, who beat the Austra-

club but for offerian bursaries to

belp sopport young players in what he terms a "rogby education, not to make them professional but as part of their education, which would certainly

stop young players going north and would halp them with their

Bath's clinical approach to the

It has long been obvious that

lians by running everything at them, will not change their philosophy against the South-West at Gloucester. They will, though, be interested to see whether Hall, rebuffed by the selectors last weekend, appears in the South-West back row. Hall was called into the divisional squad in training

Hall was called tato the divisional squad in training yesterday evening.

NORTHERN DIVISION: 2 Langlord (Orrall; S Burshill (Sale), W Carling (Isalequins), J Burchill (Sale), W Carling (Isalequins), J Burchill (Sale), W Carling (Isalequins), J Burchill (Sale), W Graing (Isalequins), J Burchill (Sale), W Graing (Isalequins), J Burchill (Sale), W Horris (Liverpool SI Heltens); W Works (Sale), M Femvick (Outhern City), P Hambean (Heading), Sy Hodgeson (Vale of Lune), W Dooley (Preson Grasshoppers), R Kinselins (Orrell), P Winterbottom (Harlequins, captain), A Mactariene (Sale), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (Mischarlene), Mischarlene (East Micharlene), Mischarlene (East Micharlen

the only side to face anything like Australia's best team but

Proud record at stake

While Ulster are assured of at His place goes Johns. It will he a difficult motch for least a share of the inter-provincial title irrespective of the outcome of today's clash with Munster at Thomond Park. Limerick, of more import, perhaps, is that o proud record of not having lost a provincial game in the last five seasons is at stake (George Ace writes).

Matthews, the new Ireland captain, will make a difference to the Ulster back row. Rainey returns to full back after ham-string trouble but Ringland is missing from the right wing where Hooks plays and Morrison has withdrawn from the second row with a neck injury.

TABLE TENNIS

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MUNSTER: P Danaher (Garryowen), K

Murphy (Constitution), M Flam (Constitution), M Kleman (Dolphin), P Murray

(Shamson): R Keyes (Constitution), M

Bradlay (Constitution), B Bevera

Highfield), P Dernham (Constitution), P

Coheesy (Young Munster), 2 Spillane

(Bohemans), O Lenikun (Constitution), P

Coheesy (Young Munster), 2 Spillane

(Bohemans), O Lenikun (Constitution)

(Sunday's Well), N O'Donowen (Shamori),

(ULSTER: P Rainey (Balymens); K Hooks

(Ards), J Hewitt (London Irish), O Irwin

(Instonians); P Ruseell Instonens), R

Bradey (Ballymens), M Reynolds (Ma
Jone), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy

(Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderars), J

Roges (Bangor), P Jehms (Gosforth), D

McBridas IMalone), W Andaraos

(Oungannon),

Wallabies end with Italian test

From Chris Thau

Australia finish their European tour with an international against Italy in Rome today. If the Wallabies arrived here thinking that the Italian leg of their tour was simply a tourist oddition to the hard work in England and Scotland they have been rudely awakened by a spirited Italy B on Wednesday

The Italians scored three tries to Australia's four and with about two minutes to go they looked as if they could win the encounter. However, the Australians scored a try in the dying seconds of the game to win by Iwo goals, Iwo trics and two penalty goals to three goals. Having been already warned

about the strength and the intentions of the Italians, the Australian coach. Bob Dwyer. has taken no chances and is sending out the best available

After their credible display in the World Cup, the Italians are in a transition period, rebuilding

their side for the preliminaries of the 1991 event.
Captained by the gallant doctor of Padua, Martzio Inocentti, the Italians want to give Australia o good on Captained by the gallant doctor of Padua, Martzio Inocentti. lia o good run for their money in the Olympic stadium in Rome. Their next international is against Ireland on New Year's Eve in Dublin, the first full ntemational against one of four home unions.

In a rugby-packed weekend. Scotland B take on Italy B in Aquila tomorrow. The Italions.
Aquila tomorrow. The Italions.
with ao full international ployers in their side, feel confident
after their good display agains!
The Wallabies. Nine of the side
who played so well on Wednesday or in the team day ore in the team for the Scottish game.

The referee for the game. Claude Debet, was involved in a publicised incident with the All Blacks captain. Woyne Shelford. during the Moori Jour of France. Unoble 10 understand Debet's decisions. Shelford demanded that an interpreter be brought on to the pitch.

IO Ine pitch.
ITALY: L. Trosani; C. De Biasse, R. Ambosso, S. Barbe, E. Venturi; B. Beterello, F. Pietrosani; G. Rossi, T. Morenno, E. Luprii, P. Reale: R. Fsraro, A. Coletta, M. Inocentii (capt), C. Covi.
AUSTRALIA: A. Leeds: A. Licquille, M. Cooke, L. Welker, O. Campese: M. Lynigh, N. Farr-Jones (capt), M. Harpili, T. Lawton, A. Michiyer, B. Cultin, O. Frawley, J. Miller, S. Gourley, S. Tuymman.
Referee: O. Robin (France)

Blackheath bring Emns (No. 8). Searby and Clark (front row) into the pack while Craig. Smith and Hambly join the backs. Harlequina have only lour of the players who beat Lencester. Bristol v Newport A veteran returns for both clubs, Sorrell at stand-off for Bristol

Coventry bring in Clark and Graham at half back and give o debut in the back row to Hickey, recruited from Moseley, against opponents weakened by provincial calls.

Haadingley hava a new lace at stand-off in Hill, a Yorkshire colt. Johnston (prop) and Green (lock) join the pack. Waterloo shuffla thair back row and Molyneux returns on the wing.

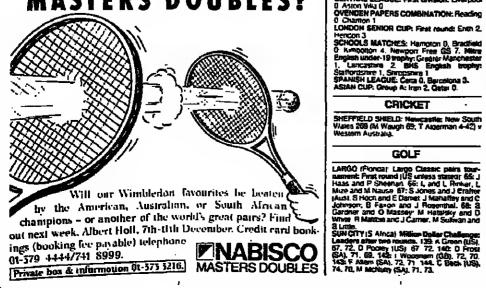
divisional calls. The Extes have three players with Scotland B but hove their first-choice centres

Nottingham v Richmond Koral keeps his place in Notingham's back row, having sidicated his recovery from a long-term kinaa injury. Freer (prop), Hindmarch (lock) and Back (flanker) are all available. Orrell v Neath

Taberner plays full back for Orrell, who have Robinson at hooker and Cragg (lock). Pegg ratums to the back row against 8 Neath to Neath in which Whitson gets a debut at lock and Higgs, a Weish Youth cap, plays on the wing.

Rosslyn Park v Bedford Henderson plays his second game of the season in the Park front row and his brother, Gary, plays scrum half, instead of the mared Woodhousa. Mcliveen makes his senior debut at No. 8 While Bedford field Jasczak (lock) and Colleran (hooker), with Toylor of scrum hall. Saracens v Wakefield

WHO CAN STOP FLACH AND SEGUSO AT THE **MASTERS DOUBLES?**



BADMINTON READING: Certon v Vauxhail che Singles (Carlton names first): H. Svarrer DES Burler, 15-8: 15-9, M. Frost bi S. Baddeley, 15-1, 15-2: Doubles: M. Kjeltjen and P. Jonsson bi N. Yates and S. Busler, 15-3, 15-8

FOOTBALL CENTRAL LEAGUE: Pirst division: Liverpool 0 Asion Visi 0 OVENDER PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 0 Charton 1 0 Chamon 1 LONDON SENIOR CUP: First mund: Enth 2. LONDON BERTAIN CO. P. Pradfield P. Pradfield S. CHOOLS MATCHES: Hampton D. Bradfield C. Kmootton 4. Newport Free GS 7. Micre English under-19 trophy: Greater Manchester 1. Lancastore 2. BMS English trophy: Saffordsme 1. Smooshie 1. September 3. Saffordsme 1. Smooshie 1. Spanish LEAGUE: Cetta 0. Bercelona 3. ASIAN CUP. Group At Iran 2. Cetar 0.

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHELD: Newcastle: New South Wates 259 (M Waugh 69, T Algerman 4-42) v Western Australia.

GOLF

FISHING TASMANIIA: World fty-fishing champion-ahops: 1. J Pawson (Engl. 692ps; 2. a Thomas (Engl. 692; 3. T Pingont (Aus), 363. 4, R Church (Engl. 340, 5. S. J Rumpf (Aus), 331-6. R Jones (Wales), 315 Teams; 1. England (Pawson Thomas, Church: 12. B. Leadbetter, 13. D Buckl, 2.133; 2 France, 945-3, Austraha. 150 Others: S. Scotand (B. S. Porgan, 23. O Wilson, 39. I Wilson, 40. D Beggart, 61. J Millert, 7. Wales (6. R Jones, 29. 7 Prinoris; 34. M Mongan; 81, A Jones, 63, B Dawer) BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Adente Hawks 127 Washington Bullets 115: Chertotte Homets 109 Philadophia 78ers 107. Ceveland Caveland 59, Milwaukee Bucks 96, Denver Nuggets 133 Sacramento Kings 128. EUROPEAN CHARPIONSIEP. Qualifying round: Group & Greece 107 Ezechostovalus 85 Group B: Bulgaria 85. Sweden 89 Group C: Spuin 61, totaly 80. Group B: France 123, Finland 88.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 138, Eng-lish Civil Service 108, Essex 150, Sulfolk 116 ICE SKATING SARAJEVO (Yugoslava): World gamor championships: Mer: Final positions: 1. V. Zagonomyus (USSR), 2 Dos 2 S Clark (US), 4.0. 3, M. Kagyama (uspent, 8.0. Leading Brilge; 12. S Cousins, 25.0. Datos (giner compulsiones and original set pointint); 1. Berezone and V Fedorov (USSR), 14. 2, A Kundimier and O Legolan (USSR), 18. 3, M. Microl and G Peszatat (Fr), 3.9. 4, L. Burton and Abelia (USSR), 18. 3, M.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Minnesota North Stars 4 Boston Bruns 1. Detroit Red Winge 7. Quebec Nordepuss 3. Montreet Cenadiens 2. Protectenhe Fiver 2. St. Louds Bluets 8. New York Islanders D. Celgary Flames 5. New York Rangers 3. Los Angeles Kings 9. Toronto Mayle Leafs 3. LONDON CUP: Simalinum Redskins 11. Chelonstora Cheltrains 2. CYCLING

ZURICH: Sol-day rece: Leaders after four days: 1. D Geoger and J Mueller (Switz), 20uts. 2, A Bath and P Bincoveto (tt. 1 fep behind, 54, 3, U Frauler (Switz) and ft Hermann (Leich), 1, 50: 4, V Diehl and R Gunter (W Ger), 1, 23. 5, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 1, 19. **TENNIS** TENNIS

ADELACTE: Soothern Cross Classic wonen's toursement. Singles: Seni-finale: J
Novotre (Cz) is R Zuutahova (Cz), 6-4, 6-2. 3
Pospekova (Cz) is M Strandtund (Svel), 6-1,
1-6 7-5 Doubles: I. Morke (US) and Novotre
tr M Lindstrom and C Lindvest (Svel), 6-2, 6-3;
S Hanita and C Kohoek-kisch (W Ger) is B
Corowell and J Richardson (NZ), 6-4, 6-4.
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toursement: Nien's singles: Counter-finale: Z
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Engle (US) of M Alien (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3
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Settino (Brisspann) is N Sentent (Porsmouth),
6-0, 6-0, 1 Paun (Shropstren) is H Mathyson
(Glasgow), 6-4, 6-1; P Senter (Stourbordge) is
O Committen (Lecoster), 7-6, 8-4, P Hardson
(Massier), 6-4, 6-4.

Strange to lead

TABLE TENNIS

NANTES: French open championships: Team results: Ment First round: Belgum bt Sewizerland, 3-0. Lapun bt Israel, 3-0; taly bt Ireland (C Sleven and H Mencely), 3-0; taly bt Ireland (C Sleven and H Mencely), 3-0; tray bt Ireland (C Sleven and H Mencely), 3-0; tray and Ireland (C Sleven and H Mencely), 3-0; tray and Ireland ID Douglas, and a Cook in the Austria, 3-1; Cerentark bt Spen, 3-2; Second rounds Great Branen (Douglas, Cooke and C Mescen) of Sweden, 3-1, W Germany to Denmark, 3-2; Notherlands in Poland, 3-1; Selgum bt Chala, 3-1; Yugoslava bt France 31; N Kores bt W Germany and Korkely Tugoslava bt Hudger Quarter-finals tryggoslava bt Hudger Quarter-finals tryggoslava bt Noves bt W Germany, 3-0; Jepan bt Great Branen, 3-1; Women: France II; 3-1, Vi Germany bt France II; 3-0, Second rounds Honder, 3-0, Great Branen ja Gordon and A Holft bt Span, 3-0; France It Yugoslava, 3-0, Netherlands it Bengum, 3-0; X Kores tray, 3-0; Laden bt Denmark, 3-0; Czechoslovalus it Canada, 3-0; W Germany v Netherlands it Bengum, 3-0; Netherlands it Genada, 3-0; W Germany v O Hungary, Capitals: France bt Netherlands, 3-1. w o Hungary. Q Natherlands, 3-1,

Curtis Strange will lead the United States PGA tour's de-fence of the Kirin Cup world championship of golf in Kapa-lua, Hawaii, on December 14 to lua, Hawaii, on December 14 to
17. Organizers said that the
European team of six would
comprise Gordon Brand jur,
Mark James, Roman Rafferty,
José Rivero, Mark Mouland
and Anders Forsbrand.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS Blackheath v Harlequins

and Morgan at prop for Coventry v Wanderers

Headingley v Waterloo

Leicester v Gloucester Steadman, a New Zealander, makes his debut in Leicester's centre while Gloucester, who have to replace a complete front row and play Clark at No. 8.

L Scottish v Bath Hastings captains Scottish against o Bath side weakened by

Strike makes his debut in Saracens' centra and with Breadman unavailable Pobinson la captain against a

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SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

A jockey's guide to diplomacy

Steeplechasing is fraught with danger, and not just on the course. As Peter Scudamore, four times champion jockey, explains,

owners need careful handling too

for the first ride of the day. and I have ao owner who smirks knowingly and confides: "This one will win." sigh inwardly and try to remain impassive. I have heard it so often before, and such exaggerated confidence is usually the prelude to a shattering disappointment for all concerned. I take no notice now whenever an owner or a trainer says something along those lines; I have never yet ridden a sure thing and I don't suppose I am ever likely to. Those who brag that their horses are 'certainties' are invariably covering up their own insecurity and seeking a sbow of reassurance from the jockey. I'm afraid I no longer oblige. The most I like to bear in the way of encouragement before a race is something more modest such as: "This one jumps well and has a really good chaoce."

The majority of owners will have a punt on their borse, whether in fun, interest or serious belief. There is, however, a difference between the average man having a modest £10, £20 or even £50 on his horse and the geouice gambling owner - the man who has assessed that this will be bis day and has staked a fortune, which frequently he canoot afford. Every jockey will occasionally be confronted by this predicament. When it does happen, it is assuredly best to be unaware of it until the race is over.

There are, of course, gamblers who cannot resist telling their jockey, while standing in the parade ring, exactly how much money they have invested in his abilities. With some this is mere bravado, with others a cover for their nerves or their underlying lack of confidence. Whatever the motive, it is of absolutely no help to the poor jockey, who has enough to worry about in trying to win the race without the pressure of knowing the extent of the fortune wagered on his success. Inevitably, if the horse is beaten and the owner left virtually broke, the rider will fear that he is somehow to blame for this plight, no matter how good a race he may have ridden. It is much more acceptable when an owner tells his jockey that he has backed his horse each way and is very keen to finish in the frame. That knowledge can be useful: if the horse is tired and has no chance of winning, a jockey may be more inclined to give him a hard race in the hope of salvaging third place if he knows it will please the owner.

Straight after a race we meet up again with the connections, hopefully in the wioner's enclosure but more often in that nomadic area, a little detached from the celebrations, where the also-rans unsaddle. It is at this point that the jockey should have something useful to say. I try never simply to tell an owner that his horse is useless. There are jockeys who have done this with brutal frankness, and while some of them have been among the most successful at their job, I am certain that it must have cost them rides. You have to remember that the great majority of jump-racing owners are in the game for fun, for the social side. and for something to talk about with their friends. Many of them have utterly false impressions about the prospects of their 'pet' racehorses, but I do not consider it a jockey's duty to disillusion them; if anyone is to do that it should be the trainer. The other factor against dismissing a horse as useless is, of course, that the animal is then sure to prove you a fool the very next time he runs!

Owners who have been disappointed by a poor showing are invariably hoping that the jockey will offer an excuse that they can then pass on to all the friends and family who bad been firmly advised that the horse would win. This, of course, can be hard. The truth is that horses are not machines: at whatever level they are competing they cannot win all the time, and the reason for a bad run may simply be that the borse was feeling off-colour.

The furthest I may go in condemning a horse is to say that he is basically slow, that he is a poor jumper, or maybe that he gave me no feel, that term beloved by jockeys that is a

walk into the parade ring mystery to people outside the for the first ride of the day, game but an mtangible attribute of all decent racehorses. It is for me to advise the owner and trainer how his horse should best be ridden io future engagements (whether or not I keep the ride), and to suggest what distance, type of course and standard of race to aim for. If I say that a horse "might win a little seller at Bangor-on-Dee", that is as close as I can go to implying that the horse is no good. Some owners are horrified by such advice, but all I can say is that it is meant constructively aod intended to be mutually beneficial - after all, if I am going to continue riding a particular horse, I want it to be placed in a grade where it has a chance of providing me with a

The opposite danger, in these ritualistic post-mortems, is to tell an owner that he has a worldbeater on his hands. Buoyed up by the emotion of a decent win, and deluded by the back-slapping atmosphere, it is all too easy to go overboard in the horse's praise without having had the opportunity to weigh up all the factors (was he a lucky winner? what was the standard of the opposition? is his jumping likely to find him out? - and a dozen other complications). No matter bow impressed I may be on jumping off a horse, I always try to keep my feet, and the owner's, on the ground.

There are times, inevitably, when I come back in the tu knowledge that I have made a mess of things, that for some reason I have made an error in the course of the race and that, even if it has not cost the chance of victory, it has meant the horse running some way below his optimum. I have tried diligently to cut out my mistakes and I believe that each season I have eliminated a little more margin for error. But racing is all about split-second decisions; jockeys are not robots, and all of us will occasionally ride a stinker of a race. If you are worth your salt you will always know when you have done so, and you will always feel bad about it. I certainly brood when I am aware that I have ridden badly, and I dislike getting off the horse to be told what I did wrong - in my view, it is unnecessary. Days like those end for me with a mood of depression, a thoughtful journey home, a regrettable spappiness with my wife and an evening of self-recrimination. You might think that I bave been riding long enough to have got beyond this by now, but I promise you that my depressions are every bit as black as when I started out. Thankfully, it only needs a winner to put me

t takes a long time for any jockey to establish an identity. The very nature of the iob - playing a supporting role to the horses, with features masked as if in camouflage by helmet and goggles - dictates that riders can seldom aspire to the popular fame achieved by the more visible stars of other spectator sports. Very few, either in flat or jumping spheres, ever become public

personalities likely to be recognized without their working clothes by anyone outside the inner cirele of racing. Success on the racetrack is not in itself a passport to public recognition, as I know from an incident that happened to me a short time ago. I attended a function in my capacity as current champion jump jockey. I was introduced to a complete stranger who, on bearing my name, said: "Scudamore? Oh yes, the jockey - I thought you had curly hair." Following John Francome as

champion, you will understand, has its frustrating drawbacks as well as its pleasures. I have come to accept, quite without rancour,

may win the jockeys' title, or how many major races I may land, that will not even begin to rate alongside John as a household nersocality. Some of us are simply not made that way, and no one who does not possess John's rare mix of natural wit and charisma should make the mistake of trying to imitate for effect.

Among the jockeys themselves, respect usually stops short of open admiration. In his era, my father had a tremendous amount of respect for two of his rivals in particular - Fred Winter and Bryan Marshall. He would regularly tell me about their strengths, but in public it would never occur to him to praise them too much because no matter that they were friends, they were still the opposition on the racecourse. Years later, engaged in trying to wrest the championship away from John Francome, I experienced the same syndrome. Of course, I admired John's riding as much as anyone - but I was not going to say so and hand over any psycho-

logical advantage.

I had always been driven by the

and Jonjo were still around. In a sense, I had done it in 1981-82; most racing people said that I was the real champion that year, and John was good enough to make the public gesture which stated that opinion louder than anyone.

I raced to 120 winners with a month of the season still to run. I had only to stay fit to be certain of taking the championship from Francome. But, of course, I didn't. I broke my arm at Southwell at the end of April and had to sit around in mental agony while John travelled the length and breadth of the country to draw level with me and then, in a remarkable show of sportsmansbip I am not sure I could have matched, called it a day with the title shared. I had a lot of time on my hands then, and I did a great deal of constructive

Francome had never been a hero of mine, only because I was more attracted by riders in the mould of Biddlecombe and O'Neill who could produce a driving finish. John never had that, at least in his early years, and it was only when I came up against

I became fully aware of the range of qualities he possessed. In the technicalities of race-riding putting horses in the optimum position, putting them right as the obstacles, and producing them for the vital burst at the most beneficial moment - he was unrivalled, and surely as good as there has ever been.

I never felt that it was impossible for me to be champion while John was riding, but this was certainly a minority view. Everyone else in the game seemed to accept that he was champion for as long as he wanted to be. He was the senior statesman of the sport, a man apart, living on an entirely different plane to the rest of us. The man in the street with only a passing interest in racing would not have known me - or any other jump jockey for that matter - but everyone knew John, his face, his voice and his achievements.

in a way, his retirement created extra pressure for me, With John ut of the way, I immediately felt I ought to be champion, and that if I failed now there would be no excuses left. There was no possible

fear of my losing any will to win once his rivalry had ended. I was never going to be satisfied with being champion once, twice or even three times. I wanted to win it as many times as John, and more, not through any unworthy wish to put him down but for my own selfish satisfaction. Different people have different motives for playing sport; I ride because I want to go on winning the title and winning major races.

John, I suspect, was never so single-minded. His interests have always been diverse, his active brain ever ready to dream up another enterprise totally outside racing. Perhaps he is a more complete person for this facility. but there is no denying that we are very different in characters. We were friends because we spent so much time together as fellow jockeys; but we had virtually nothing in common other than a talent for riding winners. This is not to say that I found anything to dislike in him. On the contrary, I consider John to be one of the most amusing companions I have ever met, a master at lifting the mood of a weighing room or a рапу with the telling of a joke_ The most striking single dif-

ference between us is in what we say - or, in my case, what I don't say. John has often accused me of taking life too seriously, of being too solemn and intense, but it never occurred to me that I was enjoying myself less than anyone else; we simply had our own ways of showing it. What John thinks, he usually says, often with wickedly funny embellishments. I am the opposite, anxious oot to offend by telling anyone what I. think of them. In this, John is a rarity. He is so open with his opinions and criticism that one could not be blamed for thinking that he might be short of friends and supporters by oow; that he is not is a result of his being good enough at his job and engaging enough as a person for people to forgive anything that might have been considered an impertinence, taking it in the spirit intended.

I often wondered what John really thought about mc when I emerged as a tangible threat to his position. Other than perhaps thinking me a bit dull, though, it is possible that he may not have given me very much thought at all, With his chip shop business, his newspaper columns and his various other outside interests, racing and jockeys did not dominate his mind as they have always dominated mine. John would be good at whatever he turned his hand to

— a naturally gifted man. • These articles are taken from Scudamore on Steeplechasing by Peter Scudamore and Alan Lee (Partridge Press, £12.95).



The biggest jump: from sauna to cold shower

There are presently 44 courses in Britain staging National Hunt racing. They are as diverse, surely, as any comparable group of sport-ing venues in the world, ranging from the austere and imposing Ascot to the uniquely homespun Cartmel, from the grandeur and atmosphere of Cheltenham to the rustic, welcoming charm of Sedgefield. Peter Scudamore has ridden at 43 of the courses, his single omission being Edinburgh, which was adapted only recently from an all-flat racing course. Of contemporary jockeys, his experi-ences and sheer volume of rides around the country put him in a unique position to judge and comment upon the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of Britzin's racecourse circuit. Here is a reflection of his opinions on courses large and small . . .

ASCOT

Frankly, I used to detest the place. As a steeplechase course I felt it had grave shortcomings and as a venue for National Hunt racing I found it both souliess and unwelcoming. To my young eyes, the bowler hats on the heads of the gatemen seemed to have endowed these gentlemen with an arrogance of the most condescending kind; more than once I considered them nanecessarily rade and obstructive

their daily business, while the stories from spectators who felt they were intruding on private parties are legion. What it came down to, I think, is that the Ascot authorities attempted to run every meeting as they do their Royal flat meeting in June; with ordinary jumping people that just won't wash, and I am delighted to say that things have improved markedly in many respects. Ascot has come down to earth for the winter game and, if it still lacks the jumping atmosphere of other maior courses, that is a result of its size and design rather than any personnel problems. As a racecourse it used to suffer from fences that were too stiff and trappy, and I would not have liked to run a good novice chaser there for fear of raining him. But in this respect, too, skilful modifications have been made. Ascot is still not my favourite course, but I appreciate the advances which have been

BANGOR

Not long ago, my schedule took me to Kempton Park on one day and Bangor-on-Dee the next. It was like being on two different planets. At Kempton, the facilities for jockeys are grade one; at Bangor. there is not a grade to describe them. I recall sitting there between to jockeys and trainers going about races, looking around me in the

shack which passes for a weighing room, and wondering whether the leading professionals in any other top sport would tolerate such conditions. You would not want to stand in the shower area at Bangon for long unless you were happy to risk pneumonia, but very few jockeys have any great objections to riding there because Bob Davies, himself a distinguished former champion, has applied his experience to the clerk of the course's job and made it a very fair track. The sight of spectators standing on grass banks rather than on terraces and grandstands. however, is one of the quaintest in racing. There is still no stand of any sort at Bangor; it would probably spoil the atmosphere if there were.

DONCASTER

I do not often go to Doncaster, and I am not sorry. It is without doubt one of my least favourite racing vennes, for a variety of reasons. To deflate any accessations of southern bias. I have to say that I am extremely glad this course is not in the south. It probably suffers, as do certain other courses in the area, from a flat-racing bias - so strong in this case that I have taken to wondering why they bother to stage National Hunt racing at all. There is no feel for the winter game at Doncaster, and

course I can only assume they hold jump racing in very low regard. There is seldom much of a crowd here, the atmosphere is among the worst I have encountered and, although they have a potentially outstanding hurdles course, the steeplechase course is abysmal. The fences were widely thought to be extremely poor, although there have been some recent improvements, and the ground usually rides fast. Altogether, Doncaster is a waste of what could be a highclass jumping stage.

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NEWBURY

This is my idea of the most impressive track in the country, and is certainly my personal favourite among the major courses. It presents a challenging test of stamina but is a scrupulously fair course where there are seldom any acceptable excuses for defeat. The fences are expertly built and I particularly like the way the ditches are built with banking rather than those intimidating boards in front of them that are favoured by many other courses. Two fences cause problems - the cross feace, farthest from the stands, which is on a downhill gradient, and the final ditch in the straight, where horses are frequently casualties through sheer fatigue. The facilities for jockeys

are adequate considering the buildings are all very old; there are good changing rooms, showers and, most important, a sauna. As I mentioned earlier, I strongly believe that this should be a statutory facility on every course.

PLUMPTON

More than once at Plumpton I

have come back to the weighing room with such a sense of frustration that I have begun to wonder just how long my career would have lasted if every meeting were run here. In all probability I would have retired years ago. Courses like this are no stage for jockeys to show their skills; all too often you are in a field of bad horses all travelling too fast for their own or anyone else's good, plenty of them ridden by riders who ar either foolish, incompetent or - in some cases - both. One might say that this is not the fault of Plumpton, simply of the horses which run there and those responsible for putting up the jockeys. But I genuinely loathe riding there over fences. The worst are the first down the hill; indeed, these form one of the major accident blackspots of the country. I seldom get good rides at Plumpton, which might add feel to my feelings, but I bonestly believe it to be one of the most unpleasant riding courses in

Card of course

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Crenshaw. His performance

however, was temporarily over

Brand, who withdrew from

the pro-am on Wednesday because of a stomach disorder.

has, according to the Australia PGA, been fined Aus\$1,000.

PGA. insisted: "He embarrassed

us by not playing and we did not

believe his excuse. If he had produced a medical document

then we would have accepted

Clark, who took 68 for a score

caddie had contravened an Australian PGA rule which

states that following the

nament no further measure-

course. But he later learned he

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 138: B Crenshaw (US), 68, 65: 138: F Couples (US), 68, 69: R Davis, 68, 67: 136: H Mesthau (Japan), 70, 66: H Irwin (US), 69, 67, 137: S Ogle, 70, 67: P Semor, 68, 69: R Ratterly (GB), 70, 67: 138: G Marsh, 70, 68: H Clark (GB), 70, 68, 138: C Stadler (US), 70, 69: I Balter-Firch, 70, 69: M McCumber (US), 69, 70: J Ozaki (Japan), 67, 72: S Sempson (US), 71, 68, Other British: 144: G Brand pr, 74, 70, Gordon Brand (Britan), 74, 70

woman to win the champ-ionship, emulating the achieve-ment of Maldwyn Evans of Gelli

Park. Who won the men's even

some pride for New Zealand by beating the Fijian, Maraia Lum

The other shock was Eo-

gland's loss to Australia in the fours final. It was a self-inflicted

defeat. Leading by 10 shots with only five ends remaining,

Norma Shaw, Jayne Roylance Mary Price and Barbara Fuller

nllowed Marion Stevens. Norma Wainwright, Greets

Fahey and Dorothy Roche to

force an extra end, which Eng-land never looked like winning. Australia thus beat England in

two finals - the triples and

the experienced Margaret Pomeroy a tower of strength at

two, to take the bronze medal in

Wales finished the champion-

ships with a gold medal in the singles and a bronze in the fours

Ireland with a gold in the pairs and England with silver medals

in triples and fours, and a bronze in the pairs. Scotland's cupboard was bare for once. England took the team com-

neution for the Daily Mirror

On, for the bronze medal.

had been excused.

Total yardage: 6,966

Golf Correspondent Melbourne

Ben Crenshaw, a traditionalist through and through enjoys nothing more than to play on courses of great historical repute, such as Royal Melbourne. He has won \$696,000 (around £375,000) on the US PGA tour round of 65. for a two round score of 133, he is well placed to win the Australian Bicentennial Classic, which finishes here

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tomorrow, which would be worth a further £250,000. Crenshaw, however, is not that concerned about the money. The 1984 US Masters champion is now, at the age of 36, stirred more by winning titles. So when David Inglis, who invented the tournament, invited Consthant to company invited Crenshaw to compete. the American was quick to show

Inglis said: "We met under the tree in front of the club house at Augusta National. We did not know each other, although I had corresponded with Ben. I showed him my business card. he looked at me and gave me n huge bear hug. I took that to

mean he wanted to play."

Crenshaw, who once insisted that he could not bear the thought that he might not succeed in winning an Open Championship, is head over heels in love with Royal Mel-bourne. "My hands are full playing it," he said. "I can't tell you how good this golf course is and how great the greens are."

It took play of the highest

quality to move him two shots ahead of Fred Couples and the putting stroke remains the envy of every professional but on this occasion he owed his score more to his outstanding golf from tee to green. He missed only one fairway and two greens.
Ronan Rafferty, who took 67.
finished only four shots adrift of

Woosnam is closing

Woosnam, the defending cham-pion, had a second round of 70 to narrow the gap between himself and the American jointleaders. Don Pooley and Ken Green, to three strokes in the Sun City \$1 million challenge

Woosnam, with a two-round

third-placed South African, David Frost, whose 69 was the low round of the day on a course measuring 7,665 yards. Green and Pooley, who had scores of 67 on the first day, could do no better than 72, "I hit the ball badly and putted ter ribly." Green said.

BOWLS

Ackland wins the crown for Wales

From David Rhys Jones, Auckland

After two weeks of surprises Leading 23-20, she played a caused by windy conditions, rain, mud and a tricky, uneven surface, it was perhaps only to

Ackland is the first Welsh be expected that the sixth wom-en's world championship here should end with surprising

Janet Ackland, aged 48, a Welsh wisp from Penarth, surprised the trish favourite. Margaret Johnston, and her band of loyal supporters by taking the singles title, even though, at times, it seemed as if she was trying to throw it away.

Ackland was rarely mention in pre-championship predic-tions, but her standing as the principality's most prolific title winner in recent years, and her impressive collection of Commonwealth bronze medals, should have sounded a warning Johnston, the unofficial world No. 1, was always under pres-

sure - a pressure created primarily by the expectations of her own supporters. She strug-gled throughout to master the trying Henderson greens, and only occasionally showed her true class. In the final she was outdrawn, especially at the start, when Ackland, by the simple expedient of getting her bowls near the jack, established a 13-3 lead after 11 ends.

When Ackland woke up to the When Ackland woke up to the fact that she was so far ahead, she froze long enough for Johnston to recover to 17-all, but was blessed with good fortune on the next end, reducing an ominous Johnston count of four to one, with an off-careft pupper. blessed with good fortune on the next end, reducing an ominous Johnston count of four 10 one, with an off-target runner.

This boosted her confidence and put her right back on course.

SQUASH RACKETS

Counting on Carter to fight the new fight

There is a certain symmetry in the emergence of Paul Carter as winner of the InterCity national championship at Bristol fate on Thursday evening during a week in which Jonah Barrington was Excellence for English squash.

Carter, of Potters Bay, Herifordshire, defeated Neil Harvey, his Cannons Club team captain, 2-9, 9-4, 3-9, 9-6, 9-2, in 85 minutes for the title, is a pupil of the Barrington school of total fitness applied to simple

Barrington, who watched every moment of a immultious tournament which must influence his immediate thinking, is not wedded to attritional squash. He is an admirer of the wristy tactical game that took Harvey, and three times a losing semi-finalist here, past Philip Kenyon, Ciawain Bnars and Stuart Hailstone this time only to fail in the face of Carter's

amazing resilience. There is nothing the director likes more than a fighter, however, and the British champion will bring that element in ahundance to Barrington's planning. Seven days ago, the odds were

astronomical on a win by Carter, seeded sixteenth.
You would still have got a You would still have got a finite 46-minute women's final,

opening same to Paul Milling ton in the second round, when two games down to Stephen Meads in the third, stood five times match ball down to Bryan Beeson in the quarters and lost the opener to Robert Owen in

Indeed, as Harvey advanced to 2-0 and 2-0 in the fourth game of their final, it was obvious to everyone that the Cannons fourth string workhorse was about to be returned to his rightful position in life. Obvious

to everyone but Carter. The Iwo men play often is practice at Cannons, laying £1 a game and £1 for the match to keep things lively. There was a deep grunt of effort from Carter as he retrieved the latest of many deep and piereing forehand drives at 4-4 in the fourth game here. Harvey seemed to recognise it as the death knell of

his championship hopes. Carter went on to win with increasing confident use of the front court, one of the bravest British crowns of recent times, a first prize of £3.500, and £4 from

Martine Le Moignan won a second national title and a £1.750 prize beating Alison Curnings, 9-3, 6-9, 4-9, 9-4, 9-0 Newmarket's Horseracing Forensic Laboratory opens its doors to George Rae

No substance to doping suspicions

themselves.

R acing has no more emo-tive topic than doping. It burns with the implied chicanery of impairing or enhancing performance, of wilfully tailoring a horse's running to fit success or

The scenario has had a thorough airing recently. Suspicions of doping have followed the eclipse of a series of fancied runners, even to the point where a jockey has returned on a heaten favourite openly declaring it had been "got at". The climate, once created, feeds and grows on its own suspicions.

shadowed by two separate in-cidents involving compatriots Gordon Brand Jnr and Howard Between the rumour and the fact lies the Horseracing Forensie Laboratory at Newmarket. "I have studied the recent claims of doping particularly closely," says director Michael Moss, "and I Brand claims that is not the am sceptical of the allegations. case but Don Johnson, exec-unve director of the Australian Indeed I would say strongly there is no evidence doping is taking place.

"People become nervous and jump to the wrong conclusions. They interpret particular results as illicit in response of a fear of what might be of 138, faced the possibility of having a fine of £250 levied against him. He was told that his

"There was a case recently of a borse which ran badly when it was thought to have a good chance, and which subsequently died. There were unit. allegations of doping, but a The laboratory is funded by post-mortem showed the Levy Board — its latest

Hunt season continued at Sandown Park yesterday when a last-second refusal by Bajan Sunshine at the final jump presented the hard-ridden Torside with the Global Homes Handigan Chase

"Someone up there must still be looking after us," said the Somerset trainer, lifting his arms to the sky after recording

his 76th victory of the cam-paign. "Torside will now go for the Welsh National."

Ironically, Peter Scudamore, 66 of whose 89 successes have

be of whose by successes have been gained for Pipe, was the luckless jockey shot ignominiously over the fence by Bajan Sunshine's lightning and cunning action. "I can't say I'm exactly surprised," said the champion resignedly.

Secularmore was on board the

Scudamore was on board the 3-1 joint favourite as his first retainer is for Charlie Brooks. Direct Approach, the other

joint favourite, had departed

from the scene at the 14th jump. From that point the race became

a duel between Torside and Bajan Sunshine Bajan Sunshine

had quickened turning for home and had risen at the final jump

with a four-length advantage.

Afterwards Pipe outlined his

plans for his all-conquering band of jumpers. Beau Ranger goes next for the AF Budge Chase at Cheltenham next Saturday, Strands Of Gold, the easy winter a full of the Congression of th

winner of last Saturday's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, is still on target for the SGB Chase

Bonanza Boy is to join
Torside in a two-pronged stable
assault on the Coral Welsh
National at Chepstow on
December 27, the race for which
yesterday's winner was strongly

yesterday's winner was strongly fancied last year, but ran dis-appointingly behind Playschool. Fulke Walwyn, who is off to Cheptsow this afternoon to watch Ten Plus take on Charter

Party in the Rehearsal Chase, was in the winner's enclosure yesterday after Kilbrittain Castle had given a polished display

of front-running jumping to record his eighth victory over

the tricky Sandown fences in the Crownco Handicap Chase.

"He loves the course, but was tacking 2½ miles for the first time," Walwyn said. Colonel Billy Whitbread, that staunch supporter of NH racing, made a

rare racecourse appearance to great his winner.

Brigadier Roscoe Harvey.

another veteran, was also at Sandown and received the tro-

phy for the Crowngap Holdings Novices Chase after his stepson

John Horn's seven-year-old, Bigsun, had jumped boldly and

Handicap Chase.

horse to have died from a carcinoma."

None of the cases which have given rise to the rumours has, as yet, returned a positive

Moss also refuses to entertain the notion of an undetectable drug. "I do not believe there is a drug of which we are unaware being used for doping," he says. "Admittedly there are drugs

which we would be unable to find even if we knew they were present, but it is a very small number, and anyone trying to evade our detection system would need both great good fortune and an intimate knowledge of our working The laboratory is celebrat-

ing its 25th anniversary this year. It was set up in 1963 at the recommendation of a committee, under the chairmanship of the Duke of Norfolk, appointed to investiate ways to combat the doping threat to racing.

It has since grown to a 54-strong unit, 34 of whom are scientists, monitoring 13,500 tests each year. Some 6,500 of those are from the Jockey Club, with 5,500 from racing authorities abroad, and the remainder test samples to assess the efficiency of the

with Bigsun's performance, said: "We'll send him to Cheltenham for the BMW final

on Friday. The Sun Alliance and the Scottish National will be 1224

den his 89th winner of the season when bringing Man On The Line home 12 lengths clear

of Serious Man in the Crowngap Construction Winter Hardle, This was the 7-4 on favourite's third win from the last four starts for Reg Akchurst. "I don't

want soft ground for him," said the trainer. "But his long-term objective is the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at the National Hunt Festival."

After Morley Street had come

bome strongly to beat Pipers Copse in the PSB 'National Hunt Guide' Novices' Hurdle,

the stewards held an inquiry

into the running and riding of the favourite, The Milroy, who

came home strongly to finish sixth after being at the rear of

home in his own time.

Simon Sherwood said that his

long-term objective."

Pipe rides luck as

Torside takes full

advantage of gift

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Martin Pipe's extraordinary quickly to beat Iron Billy by six domination of the National lengths.

it is also encouraged to take oo outside fee-paying work, which added £333,000 last

Of the Jockey Club samples, between 10 and 20 a year prove positive. The majority of these are accounted for by legitimate medication applied too close to a race, and, to a decreasing extent, contami-nated foodstuffs.

The introduction of thresbold levels above which a substance is classed as a positive test - has filtered out some positives, but the occurrence of Theobromine, a regular offender in that connection,

The long-running case of after his first success, at Ascot, Cavvies Clown will be heard on was negative, indicating some

had given Cavvies Clown a treatment of 19-nortestosterone to remedy a low blood count which is not illegal — over a month before the Ascot race, allowing, he thought, plenty of allowing, he thought, plenty of time for it to leave the borse's

The failure of Cavvies Clown to pass subsequent dope tests almost certainly means dismestion, and of the loss of some

largely randomly from each day's runners. Winners are not

The laboratory also keeps its own small string of horses on which to attempt to recreate the effects of certain drugs in a specifie set of circumstances. One of their number is, remarkably, Ben Jonson - the playwright, not the athlete, but still a buge joke among the staff.

has declined, suggesting food-Cavvies Clown case to be heard Wednesday

Wednesday when trainer David Elsworth appears before the Jockey Chab's disciplinary committee in connection with three positive tests on his chaser (George Rae writes).

Cavvles Clown won four consecutive races in the middle of the last season, and on the last three occasions, after winning at Newbury, Wincanton and Chel-tenham tenham, post-race samples were found to show traces of a prohibited substance, identified

However, the case is particu-

ing out some of the problems once a year a sample is returned as negative because a The samples are taken substance present in the sample cannot be unequivocally identified. "But in the automatically tested - the rate overwhelming majority of is around 70 per cent - but cases when we return a verdict fancied horses which ruo of negative it is because the noticeably badly generally are. found negative."

Moss makes no claims of the laboratory's infallibility. "We cannot pretend to be foolproof," he says. "Because we test for a substance at one end of the spectrum it does not automatically follow we will find a different substance, for which we are not specifically testing, at the other.

"Our strength is that no one knows on which substances we are concentrating at any given time, but it would be preposterous of me to say that we have never missed a horse which would have tested positive?

When it does isolate a substance, the answers, unlike the questions it raises, are rarely straightforward. The behaviour of steroids is a case

Although the use of steroids is not illegal, a horse will be disqualified if steroids are found in a post-race sample. The difficulty for trainers is when to discontinue administering them and so allow sufficient time for them to

The laboratory inherits the problem, "The form in which they are generally used means that amounts are released gradually into the horse's system," says Moss.

"The difficulty is that they are not always absorbed at the same rate, for any number of reasons, and so the results of the tests can vary if taken over a period of time. It is possible to get a negative between two positives when the degree of the substance present becomes too small to detect."

That is small indeed as the laboratory can isolate the equivalent of a lump of sugar in 250,000 gallons of fluid.

How does Moss view the winning post but at the moment we have the situation well in hand," he says.

"I can understand the argument that the would-be doper will have a more fruitful mind profit at stake, but against that we have considerable expertise here and it is up to us to anticipate where the next danger area may be. That is why our research section is so vital.

"Of course, you can never be completely certain about what may happen, but I feel that racing in Britain is excep-



Kilbrittain Castle (Kevin Mooney) leads Davy's Weir (Richard Rowe) on his way to victory in Sandown's Crownco Chase

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Sandown Park

2.55 (2m 4) 68yd ch) 1, KILBRITTAIN
12.55 (2m 4) 68yd ch) 1, KILBRITTAIN
CASTLE (K Mooney, 9-1); 2, Davy's Weir
(R Rows, 11-8 fay); 3, Bertres (G Bradley,
5-1), ALSO RAN: 2 Tarconey (4th), 14
Amnullah (f), 20 Drive On Jimmy (po), 6
ran. 6, 2, 10.1 F Welwyn at Lismbourn.
Tots: 93.80; £3.40, £1.50, DF: £8.40, CSF:
£21.23.

instruction had been to drop the gelding out as he had run too freely at Newbury. He went on to say that The Milroy had not jumped the first two flights fluently and had then started to whistle in his wind going down the far side. As a result, the jockey had felt that it was prudent to let the horse come

2.0 (3m 118yd ch) 1, ERGSUN (R Dutwoody, 11-10 fay); 2, Iron Billy (G Bradley, 14-1); 3, Friendly Henry (N Doughly, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 13-8 Alone Success (f), 6 Cettic Flight (f), 40 Ah Helio (pu), 3 ran; 8, das. O Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tota: 1,90; 51.30, 53.60. DF: 214.10. CSP: £13.85. The stewards accepted these explanations, and orderd Tho Milroy to be routine-tested.

This was Sherwood's first ride since sustaining concussion at Wincanton last week. The jockey had missed riding Kafarmo in the 1.25 event, as he was held up on the M25. was beld up on the M25. Toby Balding, Morley Street's trainer, said afterwards that Kildimo, who was badly hampered at Newbury last Saturday, would go to Chettenham for the Ferrero Rocher Chase.

Richard, Dunwoody, earlier

Richard Dunwoody, earlier successful on Bigsun, went on to complete a double when winning the Surrey Racing Three Year Old Hurdie on Al Asoof. Racing next week MONDAY: Kelso, Worcester.

WEDNESDAY: Catterick, Huntingdon.

FRIDAY: Cheltenham, Doncastar, Devon & Exeter. SATURDAY: Cheltenham, Doncaster, Lingfield Park, Towcester.

THURSDAY: Uttoxeter, Taunton.

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1.25 (2m 5f 75yd hdie) 1, MAN ON THE LRNE (P Scudamore, 4-7 fey; Mandarin 6 Michael Seely's rep); 2, Serious Man (H Devies, 6-1); 3, Kittinger (Steve Kraght, 16-1), LASO RAN; 8 Alphasonic (4th), 11 Kamedoor (5th), 14 Katarmo, 20 Cabelline, 25 Chertfeld (6th), 50 Seel Prince, 100 Seel Poem (pu), 10 ran, 12, 10, 5, 2, 1, L R Akehurst at Epsom, Tote: 51,60; 21,20, 21,30, 52,60. DF: 53,10. CSF: 25,08.

DF: £14.10, CSF. £13.85.

2.30 (3m 51 18yd chj 1, TORSIDE (M Perrett, 4-1): 2, Memberson (B Powell, 20-1): 3, Dent Over (S Earle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3, I-fave Bejan Sunshing (mil), Direct Approach (f), S Knock Hill (5th), 12 Cellic Hamlet (4th), Mittras (6th), 8 an. 7, 15, 9, 121, 21. M Pipe at Wellington. Toes: £4.70; £2.00, £3.70, £1.80. DF: £72.90. CSF. £60.99. Tricest: £791.79.

CSP: 250.99. Triceast 2791.79.

3.0 (2m indie) 1, MORLEY STREET (J. Frost. 5-2); 2, Pipera Copee (M. Perrett, 7-1); 3, The Arthuf Rascal (Peter Hobbs, 33-1), ALSO RAIk: 15-8 law The Mirroy (8th), 9-2 Effast (4th), 12 Rivertino, 20 Admiral's Lasp, Beau Pari, File Concord (5th), Fit For Firing, Scamperad, 25 Busy Militons, Pok Roundstone, 33 Finery Tuned, Frat Insight, Golfwa Bearings, Poby Pill. 17 ran. 2, 71, 5, 51, 31, G Barleing at Pyfield. Tota: 53.90; 51.90, 52.10, 51.80. DP; 510.10. CSP: 523.25.

£10.10. CSF: £23.25.
3.30 (2m hdle) 1, AL ASOOF (R Durwoody, 7-2 tav); 2, Jopanini (D Murphy, 5-2); 3, Bank View (G McCourt, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 viking Vanture (4th), 9 Guf Palace, 10 Deep Sensation (6th), Seven Of Diamonds, Take Issue (5th), 25 Man Ray, 50 Bahman Bridge, Call A Truce, Interpley, Itylos, Nr Murdock, Ya Muna. 15 ran. 4, 10, %1, 10, %1, P Hedger at Chichester. Took: £5-10; £1.90, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £7.80, CSF: £19.82.

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Going: soft

12.46 (2m helie) 1, ANOTHER CORAL (J. Osborne, 6-4 fav); 2, Blue Boenton IM
Pitman, 4-1); 3, Coeen's Anthem (M. Jones, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Barkin (Hb), 8
Miss Neptune, 10 Loganbank (Bin), 100
Roman Dart (Sth), 200 ScaBymera, 8 ran.
NR: Friday Club, Stop Two, Hd, 71, 1%, 15, 51, 0 Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold.
Tote: (2-80; el.10, 22-30, el.50, 0F
£470, CSR: £7.35.

1.15 (2m 4/ch) 1, GOLDEN REDEEMER (S J O'Ned, 2-1); 2, Bortestras (T Read, 5-2); 3, Regens Boy (10-1). ALSO FAN: 7-4 fav Johns Present (f). 4 ran, Diet, dist. R Francis at Malpes, Tota: £2,60, DF: £8,10. CSF: £6,54.

CSF: 26.54.

1.45 (2m 4t hole) 1, SKETCHER (P. Nicholis, 6-4 fav); 2, Frama Girl (N. Coleman, 7-1); 3, Giebe Spinney (S. J. O'Nell, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Spring Palm, 8 Actie (pu), 12 Bencreigh, 16 Royaky Bay (4th), 20 lipeh (5th), 25 Coal Grey (6th), 33 Arrownite, 50 Bold Olivia (pu), 100 Wonderful William (pu), Smooth Talk (pu), 18 ran. 15, 7, 12, 2, 11. 0 Barrone at Kingstridge, Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £1.70, £3.90. DF: £8.30, CSF: £12.22. £1.70, £3.90. DF: £63.0, CSF: £12.22
2.15 (3m hole) 1, Hogh HAM BLUES (P Nichols, 6-1); 2, Marshel Blake (S Davies, 6-1); 3, Greenph (M Williams, 9-1); ALSO RAN: 15-6 fav Christo (pu), 8 Don't Be Late (4th), 8 The End (6th), 9 Mevaglacey (5th), 20 Paddy Will (ur), 50 Pappar's Gold (pu), 9 ran. NR: In Contention. 51, 2, 23, dist. 15, 0 Barons at Kingsbridge. Total 26.00; £1.10, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £18.50. CSF: £33.81. Thosast £244.68. CSF: 233.81. Tricast: 2244.68.

2.45 (Sm ch) 1, GAY MOORE (J Duggen, 16-1); 2, Dan Ratine (J Leech, 6-1); 3, Brabitner Boy (L Wyer, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 tev Kodék Island (bd), 7 Kipp Cruggy (f), 8 Baiso (J), 20 Cettic Dream (Sri), Roys Dismins (4th), 50 Moorstown Pride (pu), Lady Seeker (bd), Moonlight Sheoow (pu), 11 ran. 151. 50 Moorstown Pride (pu), Lady Seeker (bd), Moonlight Sheow (pu), 11 ran. 151. 50 Not (151.0); 260, 51.80, 251.00. DF: 243.40. CSF: 2128.32.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, WATERLOO BOY (J Osborne, 8-4 lavy); 2, Joby Misriner (J Leech, 9-1); 3, Candislight Dismer (R Hyett, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Eyetrap (f), 12 Bietsechnom Hut (4th), 14 Proud Soldier (ur), 50 Misrier (Go (5th), 7 ran. 10, 30; W, 151. O Nicholson at Souv-on-the-Word. Tote: 2220 £1.50, £3.90. DF: 24.10. CSF: £1.353.

3.45 (2m hole) 1, SaleNF TWEEL (D

£13.53.
3.5 (2m hole) 1, SaleNT TWERL (D Tagg, 100-30 fav); 2, Cala Clone (S J O'Rell, 16-1); 3, Soft Head (M Richards, 13-2, ALSO RAN: 9-2 Common Farm, 3 Below Zero (4th), 7 Corncharm, 3 Greole

Bay (6th), 10 Faithful Charlie (5th), Master Salesman, 9 ran, NH; Prince Bold, 5t, 21, 6t, 8t, 4t, J King at Swindon, Tote: £4,00; £1,40, £2.20, £4.90, DF: £27,80, CSF: £46,63, Tricast: £299,34. Placepot: £245.20. Southwell

Geing: soft

1.0 (2m 74yd ch) 1, THAR-AN-BHARB
(P Herley, 7-1); 2, Easter Festival (M
Bastard, 20-1); 3, Henry Geery Steets (S
Moore, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 5-2 fev Clever
Folly (5th); 3 Weirpool (6th); 9 Blenders
Choke (ur.); Le Modesty (pu), 10 Topkapi
(ur.); 12 Ambie Ra (4th); 20 Padykin, 25 The
Matitith, 50 Oh So Stanley (ur.); Riversfeld
Park (f), Smokey's Son (pu), 14 ran, NftThe Hough, 4, 2/sl, 6l, hd, 101, J Costpilo
at Adsione, Tote: £14.30; £3.20, £7.60,
£4.90, DF: £56.00. CSF: £128.24, Tricast:
£1.514.68.

51,514.66.

1.30 (2m 41 hdie) 1, PALMERSTON BOY (G Moore, 20-1); 2, Wessex (M Dwyer, 2-9 say; 3, Bette Borquet (A Juckes, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Lody Windmill (5th), 14 Annaben (4th), Glenmore Louis, 20 Leitarra Git, 33 Palsoe Yard (6th), 50 Falling Foss, Soaring Eagles, 10 ran, 14, 3, 11, 12, 31. A Moore at Brighton, Totte: £18.20, 22.10, £1.10, £2.00, DF: £75.0. CSF: £25.65. Bought in 1,700gras.

26.10, CSF: £23.25.
2.30 (2m 74yd ch) 1, MiGH 288P (A Multrolland, 6-1); 2, Kewinstort (M Dwyer, 11-10 fav); 3, Veguely Arthatic (E Buckley, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Al-Alam (Sth). Leisuretime Smile (pu), 10 Titeranes, 20 Golden Normen (4th), 50 Miss Tall (5th). 3 ran. 10, 20, 15; 4, 51 S. Christian at Lambourn. Tots: £6.30; £2.60, £1.40 £1.10. DF: £6.20. GSF: £12.48. Tricast: £31.87.

3.0 (2m 4f) 1. GALLOWAY RABBER (M Hammond, 11-2); 2. Third in Line (M Dwyer, 3-1 fav); 3. Fightrith (J Hamsen, 10-1); ALSO RAM: 4 Break The Ruler (8th), 9-2 Stormwatch (4th), 10 Crystal Song, 20 Brufee (ou). Gitsey Puss. Leon (5th), North Wold Park, 33 Lough Road, Roy Prince, 50 Spartan Chief, Turbo King, 14 ran. NR: Newbern Daile, 31, 31, 32, 1 1%, Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland, Tota: 24,20; 5:13,0, 5:1,60, 52,50. DF: 55,60.

3.30 (2m hdie) 1, CELTIC BOB (V Stattery, 100-30 fev); 2, Blushing Spy (C Dennis, 20-1); 3, Ceincidenthi IP Harte, 14-1); 4, Grundy Lane (E Prince, 14-1); 4, Grundy Lane (E Prince, 14-1); 41.50 RAN; 6 Asturias, Saskia's Reprieve, 9 Royal Effley (6th), 10 Prince Newport, 12 What A Lane, 14 Charles Dickins (Sth), 18 Russic Track, Thirty Acre, 20 Combampation, Royal Crack, Thirty Acre, 20 Combampation, Royal Crack, Thirty Acre, 25 Copton, 38 Country Jammy, Soldier Of Destry, Arrhorne Deal, Willowest, 20 ran. 71, 151, 34, 11, 41, 0 O 'Neill at Chettenham, Tobs: £5.00: £2.60, £8.00, £1.80, £3.80. DF: £138.00. CSF: £71.52. Tricest: £807.63. Placepot: £42.80.

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Nicholson in fine form with treble

David Nicholson, among the winners at Sandown with Bigsun, completed a treble when Another Coral and Waterloo Boy justified favouritism at angor.
Another Coral, far too head-

strong for his own good last season, was put to a severe test in the Horseman's Green Nov-ices' Hurdle when the eight

The 6-4 favourite came through with flying colours, joining issue when they sprinted from the third last and finally wearing down Blue Bourbon in the last few strides to win by a head. Nicholson sent Another Coral

to the races six times and just walked him round before he allowed the five-year-old to run this season, just to get him calmed down, and Another Coral seems to have learned the It was his second consecutive

success and Jamie Osborne, riding his first winner for Nicholson and his tenth of the season, reported that he was always confident of beating Blue Bourbon.

Nicholson and Osborne com-pleted their Bangor double when Waterloo Boy won the Banks Wood Novices' Handicap Chase by 10 lengths.



William HILL

Idyllic vantage point to savour action minutes prior to the market settling down. If you bet in "ponies" as opposed to "mon-keys", this is where to come. Fontwell is not well served by its caterers, Letheby & Chris-topher. Apart from fish and chips served from a mobile van, usually parked in Tattersalls, the firm offers little to excite the relate of even the most famished the time of day. Ta be fair, the fault lies with their employers. If it was not for Barry Cope's sea-food bar, nourishment would be a serious problem at Fontwell. His stall sits on the boundary of Tattersalls and Members' and in winter his prawn curry (£2.50) sells by the gallon. A series of weekly reports

on Britain's racecourses No 14: FONTWELL PARK

Fontwell Park is the most delightful of the south's smaller National Hunt courses. It does not command the spectacular views of Goodwood, its Sussex neighbour, but it has more charm.

The steeplechase course is a figure-of-eight with a convenient slope which enables spectators to see every yard of the action. The best place to watch is from the centre of the course, near the intersection. Here you can stand next to the start of races over two miles and a quarter, and be within spitting distance of two

There probably isn't another course where one feels so incourse where one seems so involved. The figure-of-eight configuration doubles the risk of a loose horse galloping into the path of the uncoming runners. Collisions are extremely rare. Naturally, if one did occar it would from a reconcer? Monde would freeze racegoers' blood, but the frequent near misses tend to be greeted by a ripple of nervous laughter in the stands, a reaction which jockeys find unfathernable.

stands, all of them small. They erable old chaser collapsed and fill up quickly and viewed from the bottom turn they look like a scale model of Cheltenham in moment for his connections,



Fontwell is becoming increasingly popular and midweek crowds now average 3,500, with nearer 8,000 people attending the two Bank holiday meetings in May. These are big atten-dances for a small course and the facilities do get stretched but Fontwell is rarely

On a summer evening at the start of the season, the Memparadises left on British race-courses. The undulating lawns are filled with cedars, statues and even a temple pavilier. It is as if a racecourse had been grafted quietly on to a landscape by Claude Lorraine. Earlier this season, a ven-There are three viewing

there was something rather beautiful about an old warrior laying down to die in these surroundings. Fontwell is also blessed with

those in Taitersalls, except that racegoers are separated from the paddock by a chicken-wire fence. The bookmakers in the Silver Ring frequently chalk up better odds than their colleagues in Taitersalls, especially in the

an above-average Silver Ring. The facilities barely differ from

palate of even the most famished They also have an infuriating habit of shutting up shop immediately after the last. Your favourite aunt may be gasping for a cup of tea but the old crones in the snack har won't give you

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The recocurse is midway between Arundel and Chichester, close to the junction of the A27 and A29. From London, take the M23 followed by the A29. The M23 adjoins the M25. RAS. TRAVEL: The nearest station is Bernhern. Trains go from Victoria and the journey takes about 90 minutes. Return fares are £9.20 second class and £26.40 first class. ADMISSION: Members' £8, Tatter-sells £6, Silver Ring £3. Annual membership £65 plus £5 car park badge. PARKING: Free except for £3 picnic DRESS REQUIREMENTS: None.

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BIG-RACE DATES: Coomes Handi-cap Hurdle (this Tuesday); Peter Duncanson Novices' Chase, Janu-ary 16; Bet With The Tote Novices' Hurdle (fisted race), February 6; National Spirit Hurdle, February 20.

HOSPITALITY: Although there are eight boxes, they are all accounted for Two largers rooms can be hired on a daily basis though these are often snapped up by sponsors. INQUIRIES: Pratt & Co. 11 Boltro

bookmakers is almost super-fluous at this idyllic Sossex course. Just being there is good Rating

PPPP One jockey's cap denotes Awful: two, Bearable: three, Average: four, Very Good: five, Excellent. **Martin Trew** of Racing Post (Michael Phillips)

The sight of Desert Orchid in action again today is the treat in store for those who can make Sandown Park their port of call.

But with Panto Prince, Jim Thorpe and Vodkatini also standing their ground the Tingle Creek Handicap Chase will be no pushover for David Elsworth's popular grey, who has now won six times oo the course over distances varying from two miles over hurdles to three miles, five furlongs over fences.

Interestingly, Simon Sherwood has never been beaten on Desert Orchid since he was given the ride on the grey after Colin Brown retired in March. It remains my contention that they are quite capable of keeping that impressive

Hurdle.

Plus and Aquilifer.

Cavvies Clown.

At Wincanton last month, I

was impressed by the way that

Ten Plus went about his

Gone were the careless er-

rors that were an injustice to his career last season when he

always worked like a good

horse at home and oever

record intact. For the one thing Desert Orchid has never lacked is speed. Add to that the blend of class and stamina that enabled him to see off Kildimo, Strands Of Gold, Proud Pilgrim and Run And Skip in the Whitbread Gold Cup and you get the right mix for today's

If Desert Orchid succeeds in gaining another triumph, following that morale-boosting win at Wincanton five weeks ago, he could easily become the middle leg of a treble for his jockey, who can win the first race on Southernair and the last on Assaglawi.

As for Baies, Sherwood's useful yet luckless mouot in the Ewell Chase, he looks rather up against it now that the dual receot wincer Farmlea Boy has also stood his ground, not to mentioo Ballyhane and Rinus. Twelve months ago,

Arum Lily.

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NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Solar Time. 1.15 Lotus Island. 1.45 Nick The Brief. 2.15 Border Lad. 2.45 Afford. 3.15

12.45 BRADDEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£680: 2m 6f) (20

11 3145 WE'RE IN THE MONEY 7 (V,G) G Ros 4-10-13 P McDuranti

12 0-04 TOWER BAY 8 Mrs S GRI 4-10-6 P Horbernott
13 -P54 RARE BID 16 R Hodges 5-10-4 Whylee
14 0385 PLAIN TALK 15 G Thorner 5-10-3 B Docchoe
15 00-0 SINCRET'S SECRET 30 R Docth 8-10-2 M Jones
16 00-9 JOHANNA KEYS 24 Mrs G Reveley 7-10-1 N Smith
17 1U00 ROYAL TOWER 7 (F) P Blockley 4-10-0 P Midgeley
18 P/P NETHERBROOK LASS 10 O Prince 9-10-0 C Prince
16 -6UP BATCHWORTH GIRL 7 R Morris 5-10-0 Gry Lyona
20 00-0 ARBY'S SECRET 14 A Brisbourre 6-10-0 Pat Calcheel

4-1 Saint Supreme, 9-2 Tower Bay, 11-2 Solar Tane, 8-1 Sharp King, 10-1 Diaconus, Birdtown, 12-1 others.

1.15 TON UP SELLING HURDLE (£868: 2m) (12) 1 1211 LOTUS ISLAND 8 (B,CD,F,S) N Tinkler 4-11-12

Course specialists TRAINERS: N Tinider, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe, 4 from 15, 28.7%; J Jantiers, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M H Easterby, 5 from 29, 17.2%; O Brennan, 6 from 36, 16.7%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 8 from 57, 14.0%

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 16 winners from 59 rides, 16.9%; D Dutton, 3 from 20, 15.0%; M Brennan, 8 from 68, 11.8%. (Only

So I'm looking to Ten Plus to consolidate and prove too fit for Charter Party.

The best bet today, though, is Mr Gossip (2.5) eveo though his race, the Rapid Raceline Handicap Hurdle, is arguably the most open of the

At Newbury last time, he looked a shade unlucky not to beat Stag Dinner, whose form both before and since has been

Interestingly, his trainer Nicky Henderson had also entered him for similar, but slightly shorter races today at Sandown and Nottingham.

looked easier to win. However, his decision to tackle the Chepstow race could easily turn out to be a case of fortune favouring the bold especially as Mr Gossip proved at Newbury that he gets today's revised terms, but with first

> capable of capturing the Stan Mellor Chase at Nottingham. They both finished third recently to Run And Skip, at Cheltenham and Haydock respectively.

> Still at Nottingham, Nick The Brief deserves another chance in the South Yorkshire Road Specialist Novices

which proved far too good for

1 R222 SWI JEST 14 (D,BF,F,Q,S) W A Stephenson 10-11-12

9-4 Warlaggan, 11-4 Border Lad, 7-2 Covent Garden, 9-2 Highway Express, 6-1 Met Officer, 6-1 Sir Jest.

(3-Y-O: £1,268: 2m) (13)

4-9 Afford, 9-1 Immortal Irish, 14-1 Flary Sun, Woodknot 20-1 Deboneir, Flyaway, 25-1 others.

3.15 RUDDINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,679:

18 0020 STORMY MONARCH 7 (8F,G,S) G Jones 7-10-0

WETHERBY

Selections By Mandarin

t2.45 Mils Mij, 1.15 Delius, t.45 Antinous, 2.15 Nautical Joke, 2.45 Jody's Boy, 3.20 Temperable. Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 Delius.

12.45 THORP ARCH NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: 51 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 6 (D.G) D Chapman 11-0 P Niver 5 Big Friesh 49 H O'Nell 10-7 J O Davies CARD PARTY 182F N Waggott 18-7

BIG FINISH 48 H O'Nell 10-7 JO Davies
CARD PARTY 182F N Waggott 10-7
GUNNIER'S HILL 122F K Stone 18-7 JJ Gulmi
2 Mals No.1 43 O'Nell 10-7 M Hearmond
SOUTH CROSS 80F G Moore 10-7 B Storey
8 STANDLEFFE LAD 5 V Hell 10-7 J Davies
TOT OF RYE 42F M Tompkins 18-7 S Smith Eccles
WESTINGLEFF LAD 5 V Hell 10-7 GP Lyrons (4)
WILLE DUTT 433F Miss 8 Williamson 10-7
Miss 6 Williamson 10-7 GP Lyrons (4)
USES YOU'RE IN MY WAY 14 Denys Smith 10-7 A G Swith (7)
5 YOU'R IN MY WAY 14 Denys Smith 10-7 A G Swith (7)
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9 OPTMISTIC LADY 67 J JOINSON 10-2 C Ryen (7)
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TURNISH STAR 39F M W Essierby 10-2 C Ryen (7)
7-4 Mills Mil. 5-2 Precious Memories, 7-1 South Cross, 9-1

7-4 Mile Mil, 5-2 Precious Memories, 7-1 South Cross, 9-1 You're in My Way, Your Time, 12-1 Wiston, 14-1 others.

1.15 EMMERDALE FARM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,655: 2m 4f 100yd) (5)

R Hearley
5 5-01 ADEN APOLLO 14 (D.G.S.) R Alten 7-10-3... J K Kinesee

5-4 Delius, 9-4 Aden Apollo, 3-1 Villerstown, 6-1 Karenomore, 14-1 Repington. 1.45 ATS HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,915: 2m) (14) A5 ATS HANUICAF TO CD,BF,G,5) M W Easterby
1 01-4 YOUNG SNUGFIT 7 (CD,BF,G,5) M W Easterby
4-11-10R Beggan

2 20/2- SPECIAL VINTAGE 395 (D.G.S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 0-11-10 3 5-30 REGAL REPORM 21 (CD,S) G Moore
5-11-1M Hammond
4 1150 RIVERS SEGRET 21 (D,F,G,S) Denys Smith Scales
8 3-23 CYRISTMAS HOLLY 7 (BF,F,S) Mrs O Ravelby 7-11-0

12 15-6 SKNOWILL 10 (D,S) M W Easterby 4-10-0 Ger Lyons (4) Ger Lyons (4)
13 643- PHILE PRIDE 286 (2) A Shift 4-10-0 J Handa
14 026- SHIPWRIGHT 228 (D.5) H (7*Neil 7-10-0 J D Bardes
7-2 Antinous, 5-1 Young Snugit, 13-2 Fieldom, 7-1
Integrass Holly, 8-1 Public Praise, Special Victage. entire day.

entirely commendable. Simon Sherwood: poised for treble at Sandown

Sprowston Boy and Cashew In my opinion, they both King trailed in some way behind Celtic Shot when secood and third respectively in the Mecca Bookmakers' By rights they should almost dead-heat now on the

A victory for Eton Ronge in the Save And Prosper Chase points to Border Lad being place going this time to Inthe remainder at Ascot last time when only the much-improved Assultan proved At Chepstow, all eyes will be on the Tote Gold Cup winner Charter Party, who makes his seasonal debut in the Total

seasonal debut in the Rehearsal Chase on ground that he will relish. But stiff opposition is guaranteed from Ten

> Finally, it will be fascinating to see how Richard Lee's King George VI Chase entry Delius fares on his seasonal debut at Wetherby where he will be opposed by Aden Apollo, the recent conqueror of Raise An Argument, in the Emmerdale Farm Handicap Chase.

showed it on the course. That work-out, after racing Instead we were treated to a at Newbury last Saturday, bold yet measured approach pointed to him being capable of picking up the winning

1.45 SOUTH YORKSHIRE ROAD SPECIALISTS NOVICES CHASE (22,563: 2m 6f) (9) 1 2422 SKYGRANGE 21 (F.G) J Jenkins 7-11-8..... G McCom 2 23-1 VILIGAN WARRIOR 18 (F) 8 Christien 0-11-8 J Oeborn 3 0-33 ANOTHER SCHEDULE 25 (BF,F,G) C Brooks 7-11-4

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.4-5 Mick The Brief, 7-2 Skygrange, 9-2 Vulgan Warrior, 8-1 other Schedule, 20-1 others.

2.15 STAN MELLOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924:

2 •232 HIGHWAY EXPRESS 9 (BF.S) R Hodges 7-10-7 S Earle 3 1111 WARL EGGAN 9 (F.G) G Hart 7-10-7 4 3P-03 COVENT GARDEN 19 (B,CD,G,S) W Clay 10-10-5

F Boyen (7) 5 -603 BORDER LAD 5 (C.G.S) M Oliver 7-10-3... J Railion (7) 8 2P-2 MET OFFICER 18 (G.S) M Skinner 6-10-1... J Ophome

2.45 CANDLE MEADOW NOVICES HURDLE

11-4 Arum Lity, 7-2 ishkara, 9-2 Public Praise, 8-1 Slave King, 10-1 River Bed, 12-1 Stormy Monarch, 14-1 others.

2.15 SUPERMASTER HANDICAP CHASE (E7,245:

1 031F NAUTICAL JOKE 18 (CD,BF,G,S) W A Stephenson
9-12-6 A Merigan
2125- SAMFEN 357 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-12-0.... R Markey
1/- SANDICLIFTE 907 746 (D,S) R Lie 7-11-11 B Deating
4 2115 GREEN GORSE 7 CD,G,S) N Crump 0-11-4 P Harte (4)
5 3-18 CHARTER HARDWARE 14 (B,D,G,S) J Edwards
5 3-18 CHARTER HARDWARE 14 (B,D,G,S,S) 13 Edwards
9-11-3 Bir P Fenton 6 US4- MY MAJOR 271 (D,5) P Hents 6-11-3. 7 5-02 PEREWORKS MIGHT 19 (D,F) J Whento

3-1 Nautical Joke, 9-2 Sandicatte Boy, 5-1 Santen, 7-1 reworks Night, 10-1 Charter Hardware, Green Gorse. 2.45 EBF YORK INTERMEDIATE CHASE (21,882:

2m 50vd) (3) 1 1221 100Y'S BOY 18 (B.C.D.F.G) R Swiers 7-11-12 2 2213 IMPERTAIN 6 (D,F) T Curningham 8-10-10 S Curningham (7) 3 9-29 SHITH'S GAMBLE 22 (BF,S) M H Easterby 5-10-10 R Markey

10-11 Smith's Gamble, 6-4 Jody's Boy, 9-2 impertain. 3.20 BOROUGHBRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (2680:

1 -211 CARRICK HILL LAD 16 (C,S) G Richards 5-11-3 2 15 MIDLAND EXPRESS 7 (F,S) Denys Smith 5-10-13 3 40-1 TEMPERANT F 29 (S) M TOWNS AND M Homestond

6 426- DEEP COLORIST 239 Mrs M Dickinson 0-10-9 R Beggen
7 O/F- GEMS DELIGHT 579 J Charlton 7-10-9 P Dennis
8 USPO HAZY GLEN 7 (G,S) T Barras 10-10-9 P Ferrell
6 000 JOCASA SUNSET 29 T Cunningham 6-10-9 S Camphonham

Course specialists TRAINERS: J Edwards, 4 winners from 17 runners, 23.5%; Mrs M Dictingon, 11 from 49, 22.4%; W Storey, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Jimmy Fitzgerakt, 22 from 104, 21.2%; M H Easterby, 28 from 142, 19.7%; G Richards, 18 from 95, 18.5%. JOCKEYS: P Harte, 4 winner from 14 ridgs, 28.6%; O Skyrme, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Reed, 5 from 30, 18.7%; M Hammond, 8 from 56, 12.5%; R Beggan, 4 from 33, 12.1%; C Hawkins, 16 from 99, 10.1%.

© Cornelius Ryan, who has recently joined Mick Easterby's stable, makes his British debut on Koritsaki at Wetherby today. Ryan, aged 22, previously worked in Ireland, for Dessie Hughes and John Mulbers, and in the United States.

Moores off the mark

Little fish sweet to welcoming Knights

"We work well together," said ment. The size of the stable has trobled since we took out a like to create a friendly at

The contrast of fortunes io trainer, and his son, Gary, registered their first winner of racing cannot be better illus-trated than by neighbouring trainers Martin Pipe and Angela the season when Palmerston Boy held off the 9-2 on favourite, Wessex, in the Sparrow Selling Hurdle at Southwell yesterday. Pipe is rarely out of the news.

Moore junior said: "We did not think Wessex would be running and only declared Palmerston Boy here because we thought the race would cut up. I thought we had no chance with Wessex in the field."

Mark Dwyer brought Wessex to challenge at the last but the favourite landed flat-footed and failed to catch Palmerston Boy by half a length. Moore retained imerston Boy for 1,700

but over the other side of the hill, at Wellington in Somerset, is Angela Knight's stable, which rarely receives any recognition.

However, Rt Leicester last
week, Mrs Knight and ber husband, George, tearned up to collect a welcome winner when

Baby Come Home won B moderate selling hurdle.

Mrs Knight shares her passion for racing with her husband, who is the stable jockey. making them the only husband and wife professional licence

George, "Problems can be dis-cussed at anytime. It's very much a team effort."

The Knights are happy in what they are doing. Both learnt their craft to the West Country, so area they would never think of leaving. Knight worked for Jack Cann at Cullompton for 13 seasons and his wife gained valuable training experience with Les Kennard.

> to make ends meet, the Knights are far from down oo their luck or moaning about their lot. "We are doing well and definitely not struggling. With

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the two of us working to the yard it certainly saves on labour costs, which is the biggest

problem in racing at the mo-

Despite the recent spate of

trainers forced to retire, unable

£19,300: 2m) (13 runners)

FORM RELECTO, a first time out winner lest geason, ran one of his best races in defeat when 14% 3rd of 26 to Vagador at the Cheltenham Festival (2m, good to firm). Is on a handy looking mark.

SOUTH PARADE ran on well to best Windbound Lass 2½ at Chettennern last time (2m, good to firm) with CORPORAL CLINGER (4to better off) about 2½/ further back in 4th and CASHEW KING (4to better

FORM VOCKATINI impressed lest time when a 11 winner from The Welder at Ascot (2m, good to firm). Has strong clasms again today.

DESERT CRCHED, top-class and a model of consistency, had a sample task when beating Bishops Yarn 15I at Wincanton on reappearance (2m51, good). May struggle to concede 22ib to VOCKATINA.

Long handican: Suttolk Downs 9-8.

trebled since we took out a licence three years ago," said Knight, "We now have 20 in

training. The stable has no illusions of grandeur. The majority of the runners feature in selling events. "We can only afford to buy cheap horses at the sales. All our owners work hard to own a racehorse," Knight said.

Pitiful prize-money at the lower end of the scale is the only hone of contention that irritates George Knight: "I think in low grade races prize-money should be improved as it would help al round. A minimum of £1,000 first prize would be tremendous as owners then could find some return on their training fees," he

The Garlandhayes stable is

1987: CELTIC SHOT 5-10-0 P Scudan

2.30 TINGLE CREEK STEEPLE CHASE (Limited handicap; listed race:

2.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (Listed race:

Long hardsep; Intuition 9-11, Trean 9-7, Cape 9-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Intuition, 9-1 Corporal Clinger, 8-1 South Parade, 9-1 Relekto, 18-1 Cashew King, rowston Boy, Tabbitto, 12-1 Cliffalda, 14-1 Nebrs, 20-1 others.

1987: LONG ENGAGEMENT 8-10-2 R Durwoody (3-1) O Nicholson 8 ran

3.0 EWELL STEEPLE CHASE (Intermediate handicap: £5,287: 3m 118yd) (5 runners)

1987: FOYLE FISHERMAN 6-11-1 R Rowe (13-8 fav) J Gifford 3 ran

BETTING: 6-4 Ballytiane, 9-4 Farmies Boy, 9-2 Baies, 11-2 Rinus, 20-1 Suffolk Downs.

3.30 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,207: 2m 5f 75yd) (17 runners)

BETTING: 5-4 Desert Orchid, 7-2 Panto Prince, 4-1 Vockatini, Jim Thorpe, 50-1 Talty Jones.

ora (6-4 lav) F Winter 12 ran

TEBRITO, a use

Selection: RELEXTO

InTUITION made a pleasing reappearant 1's 2nd to Assultan (rec 20th) at Ascot (2m firm). Sure to go well

is near when finishing 41 2nd to Ci Chaltenham (2m. good to firm) last time.

PANTO PRINCE, winner of a match, beating Sun Rising 81 M Kempton (3m, firm). Nor without a chance.

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S McCrystal (7)

like to create a friendly at-mosphere and welcome owners to get involved with the train-ing, "added Knight.

The Knights usually acquire their owners through advertis-ing shares in horses. Their competitive rates often attract the first-time owner or someone who has been disillusioned with a big stable or one of the bigger racing syndicates.

With two winners so far this season the Knights are hardly going to cause anguish to their illustrious neighbour. Mr Pipe, but they are uptimistic for the future. "Our horses might be cheap and moderate, but there is terrific job satisfaction when we beat the big boys," Knight concluded.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections By Mandarin

12.55 Southernair. 1.25 Nodform.

2.30 Desert Orchid. 3.00 Farmles Boy. 3.30 Assaglawi.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 INTUITION (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 JIM THORPE.

Going: good 12.55 HENRY VIII NOVICES CHASE (£4,542: 2m 18yd) (7 runners) 0.4

1987: BALLYHANE 6-11-2 R Rowe (9-2) J.Gifford 8 ran

FORM SOUTHERNAIR finished an excellent Af 3rd to Saffron Lord in the H & T Walker Gold Cup at Acot (2m 44, good to firm) after attempting to make all. A confirmed front runner, was all out before that to beat Fied The Tread in a Chellentham maken (2m, good to firm).

Centord Palm at Kempton (2m, good to firm). Could develop into a useful chaser. CHURCHES GREEN gained 3rd success of season when beeting Glien Road 8l at Plumpton (2m 41, firm). ARTHE CHEEF, ridden out to beat Stormguard 38 at Notlingham (2m, firm), looks beat of the rest.

WOOD SINGER was beginning to make up ground

1.2		A BOOKMAKEHS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (27,535: 4 runners)	€ 4
201		PENALTY DOUBLE 17 (D,F,G) (N Gardner) C Brooks 4-11-10	
202	211-14	HODFORM 14 (D.BF,F,S) (H Jose) J Gifford 4-11-0	R Rows .
203	1	LAVROSKY 22 (O,Q) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-7	M Ferrett, #
204	4-1	GREENHILS JOY 21 (D.F) (L. Auckis) M Ryan 5-10-3	McLaughlin 8
205	205-F1	GREENACRES LAD 23 (D,S) (M Talbot) B McMehon 5-10-1	TWA
206	00-32	GAELIC FROLIC 12 (P Winfield) P Cundell 5-18-1	B Powell !
207		DIRECTLY 14 (D,G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-10-0	
208		MAJESTIC RING 8 (P Kellewsy) P Kellewsy 8-10-0	
209		BRIGHTNER 44 (F) (B Foster) Mrs J Retter 7-10-0	
215		PRINCE SATIRE 37F (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 5-10-0 De	
211	00/4-311	NOBLE STORM 30 (D.G) (Mrs S Hart) P Jones 0-10-0	M Kinene
212	050-2	PONDERED BID 14 (B) (A Panney) I Wardle 4-10-0	M Whitema
		RED FESCUE 24 (D.F) (J Plaistowe) J Bridger 9-10-0	
		SHUKO 10 (M Owen) P Howing 4-10-0	
		Scap: Majestic Ring 6-12, Brightner 9-11, Prince Satire 0-10, Nobie Storm	

8-11, Red Fescus 8-4, Shuko 7-11. BETTING: 9-4 Notiform, 11-4 Lawresky, 5-1 Greenhills Joy, 10-1 Penalty Double, 12-1 Greenscres Lad, 14-1 Majestic Ring, Noble Storm, 18-1 others. 1967; MON BILLY 9-10-0 C Brown (20-1) D Elsworth 14 ran

FORM MODFORM made very impressive hurding debut at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm) beating the Militory by comfortable 3t. final herplicably poorly next time when olds on in the race won by Latipour at Ascot (2m, good to firm). Can return to form today, LAVROSKY looked a useful prospect when making all to win by a comfortable 12t from Mooringe at Merket Rasen (2m, good). An obvious danger.

NOBLE STORM gained second success when

1.00 Golden Freeze. 1.30 Eton Rouge. 2.05 MR GOSSIP (nap).

Alliance at Chetterinan Lan, Heavy, Common of give.
GOLDEN PREEZE, enother ex-frish mudlark, was pulled due to a slipped saddle on Newbury bow [2m 41, good). Geined most notable chasing success last season when beating Sergeant Sprite 8 in a listed event M News [2m 40yd, soft).

FORM COMEDY LANE, a winner first time out at Wincanton San 11, good, rain on well when 22 and to Donald Device at Newbury (3m, good to firm).

FITZHERBERT ran 4th behind Run And Skip on Chettenham reappearance (3m 4t, good to firm). He is 9to better off for the length he has to find with third place ETON ROUGE and should run well off this low weight.

ant GOSSIP came with a strong late run but just tailed to get up when 1%I 2nd to Stag Dinner, pair clear, at Newbury (3m 120yd, good to Stm). Has strong chiral off bottom weight.

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Going: soft

beating Silent Twirf 4I at Kempton (2m., good). Had previously beaten Hi High 1/1 at Wincanton (2m., good). GREENACRES LAD 168 on Bangor debut but improved considerably to beat Alsoui, the pair well clear, 11/1 at Uttoweter next time (2m., 90ff). BRIGHTMER made all for second Tauston success of season beating Lepiaffe 4I (2m 1f., firm). Takes a big step up today.

2.35 Ten Plus. 3.05 Josie Smith. 3.35 Certain Style.

SUNBEAM TALBOT, a 414th to Landing Board at Newbury (2m 41, good) on seasonal debut, won a novice chase at Newbury (2m 41,heavy) last term.

JUST THIS ONCE made a very encouraging reappearance beating Grey Tornado by a comfort-able 15I at Devon (2m 11, good). Looks capable of

novice chases last term. Comes from a stable with a tremendous record of first time out winners this season.

GENERAL JOY ran well when 4th besten 5% by Pucks Place (gave 1th) at Ascot (3m, good to firm); 3rd besten 14t by Wylord with ETON ROUGE, 2b worse off hers, 6th besten 30% at Worcester (3m, good) in October.

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Course specialists

JOCKEYS (Not including yesterday's results)

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.35 Teo Plus.

1.0 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,132: 2m 4f) (10 BBO 1

12F14-P GOLDEN FREEZE 8 (D.G.S) (A Nadir) Mrs J Pitman 0-11-8

BETTING: 13-8 Mount Parson, 11-4 Golden Freeze, 8-1 Just This Once, 10-1 Ruststone, Sumbeam Talbot, 12-1 Randolph Crescent, 20-1 others.

1.30 SAVE AND PROSPER CHASE (Handicap: £3,158: 3m 3f) (11

TURNETS)

1 4/11532- CASPAR CARROT 262 (5) (Mass N Berry) Miss N Berry 11-11-18 Mir T Graethens
2 5P1F11- OUTSIDE EDGE 243 (5) (B Kilpetrick) O Murray-Smith 7-11-6 G Bradley
3 cf14-12 COMEDY LANE 24 (BF,F,G,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 6-11-4 P Nicholis
4 55-4234 GENERAL JOY 14 (F,S) (Save & Prosper Group Lid) O Nicholson 8-11-3 R Durwoodt
5 605P-63 ETON ROUGE 21 (CD,S) (Mirs B Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-1 J Bryain
6 40132-F GEATA AN USCE 36 (F,G,S) (R Denny) T Fonsier 18-18-11 L Hervey
7 6503P-4 F1724ERBERT 21 (C,F,G,S) (A E Ford) Mirs J Retter 10-10-0 M Lynch 6
1136-26 THE THIRSTY FARMER 14 (B,CD,BF,S) (Mirs H Reed) R Holder 9-10-0 N Coleman
6 0405P2- MR PEAPOCK 312 (B,S) (C Rendia) T Hallett 12-10-5 O Nicrola 8-10-4 O Nicrola 11 2(FP132 RAUSAL 326 (S) (Mirs K Lloyd) T Belley 9-10-3 Mirchell 8-10-4 O Tegg
8ETTING: 11-4 Cornedy Lane, 8-2 Outside Edde, 11-2 Caspar Cerrot, 7-1 General Joy, 0-1 Gesta

BETTING: 11-4 Corredy Lane, 9-2 Outside Edge, 11-2 Caspar Carret, 7-1 General Joy, 0-1 Gesta An Ulsos, 10-1 Eton Rouge, 12-1 The Thirsty Farmer, 14-1 Mr Peapock, 18-1 others.

1967: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM BUCKENIN'S BEST landed a gamble on his responsive here last month (2m 4t, act) beating Winter Haven 1t. Should go well again today.

Aft GOSSIP came with a strong last run but just failed to get up when 1's I 2nd to Stag Dinner, pair responsive here. An interesting contender.

2.5 RAPID RACELINE HURDLE (Handicap: £3,418; 3m) (22 nunners)

Guide to our in-line racecard

1987: SWINGIT GUNNER 6-11-8 N Doughty (8-13 fav) C Tinkler 12 ran

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 18 (RF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0. Receard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. 11 - unseated fider. B - brought down. S - alippad up. R - rafused. F - firm, good to Ilrm, hard. G - good. D - disquellifles). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if (lat. (B - blinkara. brackats. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

2.35 REHEARSAL CHASE (Listed race: limited handicap: £4.347; 3m)

Long handicap: Aquilifer 10-3, Golden Minstrel 6-12.

BETTING: 4-5 Ten Plus, 2-1 Charter Party, 7-1 Aquiliter, 18-1 Hard Case, 14-1 Golden Minstrel 1987: WESTERN DANCER 11-11-4 H Davies (Evens) T Forster 2 ran

FORM TEN PLUS, rather disappointing last season, returned to form with a smooth 5t win ever Cavivias Clown at Wincaston (3m 11, good to firm). Looks set for a successful season. CHARTER PARTY finished lest season with a 8 winner over Cauvies Clown in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2, seth. Likely to need the run.
AGUILIFER showed himself to be a very useful

defeat of Bucko at the Chehenham Festival (3m 11, soft).

HARD CASE, a smart performer at his best, had no chance at the weights when 19½ 4th of 8 to Desert Orchid at Wincenton (2m 5/, good).

Orchid at Wincenton (2m 5/, good).

Soft DEN MINSTREL ran very well to finish a nock 2nd to the progressive Cuddy Dale at Sandown (3m 118yd, good to firm) last time. Not without a chance.

Selection: TEN PLUS (nap)

3.5 ROMAN SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £613: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

...... P Nicholis

BETTING: 7-4 Josie Smith, 7-2 Pay Dirt, 9-2 Tine's Beauty, 6-1 Foreign Knight, 6-1 Sparkling Judy, 10-1 oth Bay, 14-1 Dauming Prospect, 16-1 others. 1967: RIGER-LEA 10-9 R Goldstein (12-1) R Curtis 18 ran

3.35 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,665: 2m) (18 runners) EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,665: 2m) (18 runners)

11-2 AUCTION LAW 26 (F,G) (Mrs B Gittins) O Berons 4-11-0

**P.00050- BENTLEY 243 (Mrs O Fallows) Mrs J Croit 5-11-0

4 CERTAIN STYLE 586 (F) Stamp) O Sherwood 5-11-0

0-0 CHARLESTOWN 23 (Mrs C Horter) Mrs C Horler 4-11-0

3-3 CROPDATE 252 (Premier Crops Limited) J Speering 5-11-0

3-3 CROPDATE 252 (Premier Crops Limited) J Speering 5-11-0

3-3-4 CYTHERS 30 (K Carr) J Gittiord 4-11-0

2342- FORMULA ONE 289 (D Davies) J Edwards 9-11-0

006R-03 GOLDFINGER 5 (J Patington) J Pitchgton 5-11-0

LAIRDRYMAN (Burtord District Laundry Ltd) N Gasselee 5-11-0

6 RATHBAWN DAN 28 (M McCormack) M McCormack 5-11-0

THE BEAT OF IT (Mrs C Holmes) N Mitchell 5-11-0

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**TRE DECENT THRIVO 16 (Miss B Swire) Q Baiding 5-11-0

**TREFALGAR BUOY 43 (Miss N Carroll) Mrs S Armytage 4-11-0

WHY WORRY NOW (Mrs H Fullerton) Mrs H Fullerton 4-11-0

8 RANDOM ROMANCE 20 (Mrs M Sutton) D Nicholson 5-10-8

P ROSE OF PEACE 53 (G Taylor-Webber) T Heilert 4-10-8 A Webb M Richards Mr O Upton (7) ... O Tegg К Москеу С Сох

BETTING: 11-4 The Decent Thing, 5-1 Austion Law, 0-1 Certain Style, 7-1 Cythere, 8-1 Formula One, 1 Random Romance, 12-1 Golden Lantern, Goldfinger, 14-1 others.

1987: BEDLAM 4-11-0 M Richards (9-2 tav) O Sherwood 22 ran Course specialists

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Childhood of the Champions: Rory Underwood

A swift step to recognition

Rory Underwood recounts his

formative years to **Mick Cleary**

The hotel bar was empty except for one figure in the corner. An old man walked in. He looked at the character sitting in the chair. "I know who you are," he said.
"You're Rory Underwood." Uoderwood oodded in acknowledgement. "My name is Haydn Tanner," said the old mao. Uoderwood shrugged his shoulders. He was about to give an ioterview and did oot want to be disturbed. The old man turned and left the room.

"Who is Haydn Tanoer?" asked Uoderwood. "Is he famous?" Yes, he is. Tanner was one of the greatest scrum halves in the history of Weish rugby and had captained the Barbarians io the first-ever end-of-tour game against the Australians in 1948. "I hope he didn't think I was rude," said Uoderwood. "But I just don't know anything about rugby history. My knowledge starts at about 1980."

That was the year Underwood eotered the sixth form at Barnard Castle School in Durham. Before then he had played for the respective year teams but not to any outstandhe was playing for the England Under-23 side. A year after that, io September 1983, he joined Leicester. It was only a few months later that he received a telephone call from Derek Morgan, then chairman of England selectors. "Are you playing with your Leicester colleagues - Les Cusworth, Dusty Hare, and Nick Youngs - oext week?" Morgan asked, "No, I'm not," replied Underwood. "They're playing for England against Ireland." "So are you," Morgan said.

Underwood was more shocked than anyone. He had only just started to take rugby scriously. Twenty-eight caps later, Uoderwood, aged 25, is beginning to believe in himself a hit more. He ought to. He is within four caps of becoming the most-capped English winger in history

The roar of the Twickenham crowd which recently greeted the two Underwood tries against Australia is a far cry from the roar which used jungle. From the age of six shop." brought up in Malaysia and used to spend many a carefree dense forests near the family



Yet to make his mark: at school in Malaysia, aged five Rory's Malaysian mother, Anne. Rory was born in Middlesbrough, where his grandparents lived, but spent the first eight years of his life

It brings back vivid memories. "I just remember having a great time. The climate was such that we were outdoors most of the day. Our house, which had a huge garden, was the centre for soccer in the evenings wheo all the local lads would congregate for fairly fierce six-a-side

Rory also used to spend hours playing football with his father, Ash, himself a talented player, and his brothers, Gary, now 24, and Tooy, 20 (who also plays rugby union for Leicester). Away from the football field, he would roam the hills, huoting and walking, or chase the grass snakes out from under his bed. The heat of Malaysia was swapped for the hracing winds of the Pennines when Underwood was aged eight. With his brother, Gary, he was seot to board at Barnard Castle preparatory school, from where he went on to the senior school. It was only then that Underwood started to play

He has one abiding memory of those early years. The cold. "I remember playing one game, when, as usual, I was freezing out oo the wing waiting in vain for the ball to come my way. Of course, if I'd been any good I would have good looking for it. All I could think about throughout the to greet him as a boy. Then it entire game was the warmth of was the distant roar of the the gas fire in the school tuck for the first XV, who promptly

wood was oothing but a wood scored 43 tries in only "skinoy bag of booes." His 15 matches. In the same side hour chasing butterflies in the latter day hallmark - hlistering pace - was, at that time, the England stand-off half home in Kuala Lumpur. His just emerging. "I was always father was an engineer and had already spent IO years in I was a hit of a wimp and the country before marrying dido't tackle or force myself were playing for the full his career. He thought it was "Industrious, thorough, and Durham Colts he had been efficient." He pauses and selected for when in fact it was adds: "Perhaps I'm not half-the country before marrying dido't tackle or force myself were playing for the full the senior side to play against "Malay after all."



In full flow: Underwood shows the poise, power and pace that epitomizes his game

into a game, I wasn't particularly effective."

A new teacher arrived at Barnard Castle, John Oates was young and enthusiastic. He took Uoderwood aside one day and told him that he had rare talent if only he would believe in himself. It did the trick. Uoderwood was chosen was a boy who would become

England side within years of leaving school,

By nature, Underwood is a very self-effacing type. He remembers being staggered when, aged 17, Middlesbrough RFC rang him to play for the secood XV. "Middles-brough?," he thought. "They have their results in the paper. for the first XV, who promptly rm not good enough to play won their first game in three for them." He was, and his wood was 19, spent many an evening driving his soo to and from training sessions. It has been a similar tale throughout

Bill Beaumoot's Lancashire. The only time his head was ever in the cloods was when he was dreaming of joining the RAF. It was a dream he had long nurtured, particularly on the frequent journeys back to Malaysia in the holidays. He spent six mooths as a pewtersmith oo leaving school before finally joining the RAF.

Rugby international and trait of an Englishman. Yet Underwood is proud of his half-Malaysian hlood. "They are a lovely people," he says.

STUDENT SPORT

Selection for World Games the target

By Mark Herbert

Following a football trial on Wednesday, in which a southern and Welsh colleges side beat their northern and Scottish counterparts 4-2 at Aisager College in Cheshire, the British Colleges Sports Association (BCSA) has named a representative squad of 18.

The BCSA team are due to play two representative fixtures

play two representative fixtures in the new year — against England Under-18 at Lilleshall nn February 18 and the Univer-sities Athletic Union at Warwick University no February 26

— but the greater prize is consideration for the Great Britain team for the World Student Games, which will be held in São Paulo, Brazil, in Angust 1989.

August, 1989.
At Alsager, Conway, one of five West London IHE players in the squad, scored three times for the southern side. Sandell (South Glamorgan IHE) added the other, direct from a corner. The northern coileges' goals came from Forbes (Trinity and came from Forces (Trunty and All Saints, Leeds) and Russell (Jordanhill College, Glasgow). BCSA SQUAD: Goglespoer: S Carter (St Pau/St Mary, Cheltenham, G Morris (S Gienorgan HE). Backs: I Williams (W London HE). K McConsid, M Downey (both Moray House, Edinburgh), P Woods Thinty and All Saints, Leeds), G Hughes, Flattail (both SGHE), Midfield players: G

 Birmingham's 12-year tenure of the BUSF women's team and individual wild-water canoeing titles was broken at the week-end. In the single kayak, Julie Ashton, of Loughborough, beat Corinne Parsons (Birmingham), four times a previous winner, and Tina Parsons, of Nottingham. Nnttingham won the women's team event.

Birmingham did take the men's iodividual event, through men's iodividual event, through Nick Gatland, and the men's team category, but consistent performances in all classes, exemplified by Scott Simpson, gave Nothingham victory by just four points over Birmingham in the overall champinnship.

RESULTS: New Single kayake 1, N Gettand (Birmingham); 2, H Princhard (Cambridge); 3, S James (Birmingham). Single canoes 1, A Clough (Leeds, Dooble canoes 1, S Simpson and R Benson (Nottingham). Women: Single kayake 1, J Ashton (Loughborough); 2, C

· lo the BPSA championships. Bristol won their football playoff against Plymouth 5-3, to finish top of their group and earn an eighth-final meeting at home to the holders. Brighton. The northern group match be-tween Sheffield and Leeds was postponed - this time the pitch

a row.

• Most of the British team later this month will he in action at the BSSF championships at Crystal Palace oo Saturday and Sunday. The event, which serves as a useful warm-up for British squad members, is also acts as the British universities. polytechoics and colleges championships.

Producing the best results from adversity

Visiting Bucharest in winter is a sobering experience. The snow-clad Romanian capital snow-case Komanian capital
suffers from shortages of
food, fuel and electricity. The
black ice covering the roads
has reduced the public transport to a shambles and private drivers have to spend up
to 48 hours have to spend up to 48 hours io a queue for a tank of petrol.

But, as the city's cynics argue, Romanian sport has an uncanny ability to thrive in adversity. "The greater the hardship the better the results," they say.

The nation's remarkable run of success in sport during the mass deadle to the say.

the past decade tends to confirm this unconventional In the Los Angeles Olym-

pics - admittedly without the Soviet Union and East Ger-

many — Romania, with 20 gold medals, was second to the United States in the unofficial medal table. This year, the 63-strong Romanian Olympic team returned from Seoul with seven golds among its 24 medals in

all — earning it eighth place in the ranking table. Romanian football is thriv-

Romanian foolball is thriv-ing and after a few years of decline rugby uninn is mak-ing a comeback.

Paradoxically, while the standard of living has de-clined, Romania has been producing world-class track and field athletes, gymnasts,

rowers and swimmers. rowers and swimmers.

One of the conventional explanations is that in a country affected by endemic shortages, the benefits associated with success in sport provide athletes with an extra incentive to do well. Champions enjoy better food and housing, trips abroad and a secure future within the coaching structure of Romanian sport.

nian sport. However, the true picture is more complex and prob-ably more subtle than that. Although more modero sports have reached Romania progressively since the beginning of the century — the first football match was played between British and German engineers working in the oil industry here io 1905 - the Romanians have adopted them with consummate

It is bizarre that no male Olympic gold medal io track and field, yet Paula Ivan is the heir of a tradition which includes the names of Jolandi Balas, Lia Manoliu, Viorica Viscopoleanu, Mihala Penes, Doina Melinte and Maricica Puica.

Even before the Com-

unists came to power, sport had played a significant part in Romanian society. The country's elite, developing country's elite, developing something akio to siege mentality, has always attempted to borrow Western

Sport has been regarded as part of a material bond between the Romanians and their Latio kinsmen in the West. Oina, the national game, which is played in the villages since the 18th century, is a crude and less-



BUCHAREST

formalized versinn of cricket ormalized version in cricker. The first game of rugby was played in Bucharest at the turn of the century. But unlike the rest of the world, where British emigrants have been involved in the mission. ary stages of the game, the 30-odd players involved in that historic match were Roma-nian born and bred — educated in French universities. During the 1930s Romania

was one of the top bobsleighing nations and top-class racing horses.

Today, although still
competitive at international

level, Romanian bobsleigh champions are unable to keep up with the technological developments in their sport. course, the Hippodrome in Bucharest, was demolished in the early days of the Com-munist rule as a symbol of capitalist decadence, Roma-niao horses had to be sent to race abroad. Naturally, the quantity and quality of the horse production has dehorse production has de-clined. There is only one race course in the whole country

in Ploesti – hut it is mainly confined to trotting. But the Romanians have developed a phenomenal capacity to bounce back. Romanian rugby, after a couple of poor years, has recaptured its pride and poise. France, who began to think that a downgrading of their annual fixture against Romania might be required, have been rudely coovinced that that would be a mistake.

After the success in Scoul Romanian sport is now retarged og itself for Barceona in 1992. Various federa tions work on a four-year plan and naturally, they aim for a bigger haul of Olympic gold. The Romanian public hope that this time they will be able to follow the fortunes of their athletes oo television. For a variety of reasons, ranging from a shortage of hard currency to an attempt 10 appease Romania's ally, North Korea, the coverage of

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the Seoul games was bare.
Those fortunate enough to fitted with special aerials could watch the Olympics on Bulgarian and Soviet net-works. With virtually oo sport on the three-hour-a-day Romanian television service. children playing football in the streets of Bucharest call their shots in . . . Bulgarian.

Chris Thau

3.0 unless stated **Barclays League** First division

A Villa v Norwich Everton v Totteni Luton v Newcastle Manchester Utd v Chariton OPR v Coventry Sheffield Wed v Derby Wimbledon v Southampton

GM Vauxhall Conference Yeovil v Altrincham

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Hem v Swindon.

SARRHOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Distillation; Bailmena v Glenavon; Carnet v Caftonville; Glentoran v Larne; Newy v Coloraine; Portsdown v Lurileti.

FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying: Whitby v Stockton; Spermymoor v Gretna (S.15). Morecambe v Fleetwood; South Berris v Flodicirle; Gatesheed v South Berris v Flodicirle; Gatesheed v South tonian; Bishop's Stortford v Gravesend and Northfleet, Croydon v Degenham; and Northines Cotycin v Ungermant;
Carshalton v Leutherhead; Leytonstonejstord v Usbridge; Hendon v Hayes;
Dover v Tooting and Mitcham; Wycombe
Wanderers v Cambridge Cdy; Merthyr
Tydisl v Salisbury; Saliash v Gosport;
Worcester v Martow; Dorchester v
Gloucester; Worthing v Besingstoke;

Gloucester: Worthing v Besingstoke;
Crawtey v Woking.
VAUXMALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier divialor: Bognor v Wokingham; Bromley v
Barlong; St Albans v Dulmich. First
division: Bracknell v Southwick; Chelfont
Sr Peter v Basidon; Collier Row v
Metropolitan Pobez, Kingsbury v Boreham Wood; Lewes v Chelham; Staines v
Walton and Hersham. Second division
nerth: Barton v Woherton; Berkhamsted v
Ware; Bifencay v Listchworth GC; Clapton
v Setton Walden: Berkey v Hemel viara; Biencay v Latichworth GC; Claptor v Saffron Waten; Harlow v Hemel Hempstead; Hertiord v Purfleat; Royston v Hornchurch; Stevenage v Aveley; Tilbury v Heybridge, Timg v Reinhent; Nintain v Yasuhali Motors, Second division acutiti Banstead v Yeading; Camberley v Flackwel Heath; Cheridey v Epsom and Ewell; Dorking v Hungerford; Eastbourne United v Fatham; Frichley v Petersfield; Madgahead United v Langer et al.

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ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National di-vision (2.15): AFC Cardif v Ton Pentre;
Brecon v Herverfordwest; Ebbw Valle v
Combran; Mirlord v Maesteg; Pentroke v
Abergavenny; Pontilantratin v Berry; Pont
Tallibrius Telegonat

SPORT ON TV

DARTS: TV 2.15-4.15 p.m.: Winneu World mesters from the Rambow Suite, Kensington, London.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5 p.m.: Skilling: Men's downhill championship from Val glistre. Raeing: 1.0, 1.30, 2.05 and 2.35 races from Chepstow. Squash Racteste: InterCity national championships from Bristol. Rugby League: John Player Special Trophy: Coverage of Widnes & Warrington. Ica Hockey: Norwich Union Cup final: Durham Wasps v Tayside Tigers from National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Fasal acore: 4.40 a.m.

PACENTS: C4 12.45-2.50 p.m.: 12.55, 1.25, 2.0 and 2.30 races from Sandown Park. SAMT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05-1.35

Bournemouth v Blackburn Bradford v Birmingham C Palace v Manchester C Oxford v Barnsley

Second division

Portsmouth v WBA Shrewsbury v Swindon Sloke v Cheisea Sloke v Chelsee Sunderland v Watford ...

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-

Cwmbran; Mitord v Maesteg; Pembroke v Abergavenny; Pontflainfrath v Barry: Port Talbot v Bridgend.

GREAT MitLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Budelord v Chipperham: Liskeard v Chard; Pauton v Bernsteple: Plymouth Argyle v Clevedon: Radstock v Miterbead; Swanage and Herston v Dawlish; Torrington v Frome; Weston-super-Mare v Weston; Taunton v Eumouth.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vision: Blyth v Gusborrugh (3.15); Crook v Newcasta Blue Star; Ferrytill v North BASE NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Burscough; Elesmere Port and Neston v Darwerr; Filixton v Knowsley (2.0); Leyland NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5.45-7 p.m.: National Football League: 10 learns will enter the play-offs and Chicago Bears have already qualified. AMERICAN COLLEGE POOTBALL: ITV 4

Carolina.

FOOTBALL: ITV 3-5.05 p.m.: The Matche Live coverage of Arsenal v Liverpool from highbury.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 4.55-5.56 p.m.: Highlights of the Toshiba Dhristosair Chempionsbig: South and South West v London and North v Midsands. Preview of the University match on Tuesday.

SKI SUNDAY: BBC2 5.55-6.35 p.m.: Men's downtell from Vel d'Isère.

SPORTS REVIEW OF THE YEAR: BBC1 7.15-8.50 p.m.: Celebration of the sporting year: Live coverage from Westminster.

Third division Aldershot v Notts Co Brentford v Bolton

Bury v Wigen Chesterfield v Mansfield Fulham v Bristol R Gillingham v Chester Huddersfield v Blackpool Preston v Cardiff Swansea v Sheffield Utd .

Fourth division Burnley v Hartlepool Darlington v Scunthorpe

Grimsby v Scarborough ...
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Leyton Orient v Lincoln
Peterborough v Rochdale
Rotherham v Stockport ...

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Presine division: Old Rephonians v Old Chigwelltens; Old Salopians v Old Harrovians. First division: Old Addenhamians v Old Weilingburians; Old Ardmans v Old Citizens; Old Eradheidians v Old Foresters; Old Etoniana v Old Westminsters.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CLIP: General Chemi-cats v Congleton. CUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP: Guildford Park v Pennth.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First divisions Arsenel v Tottemham; Cambridge v West Ham; Chelsea v Watford; Fullham v Gifungham, Leyton Onent, v Portamouth; Milwall v Joswict; Queen's Park Rangers v Norwich; Southend v Charitori. Second divisions Bristol City v Reading; Lution v Brentford: Northampton v Bristol Rovers; Oxford v Bournemouth; Southampton v Colchester; Tottenham v Swindon; Wimbledon v Binghton.

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BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vision: Cheadle v Sheffield: Old Hu-meians v Haaton Mersey; Mellor v Old Waconians: Sheffield University v Rochvacchasts; Shelled University P Volchasts; Tempertey v Stockport.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Conference A: Chipsteed v Campridge University; Kemon v Bath; Purley v Southempton University; Conference B: Origination v Stockhurst Hill: Oxford University v

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ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bediordshire v Kent (Luton, 2.15);
Hertfordshire v Surrey (Sr. Frederick
Caborn School, Welleyn, 1.0); Essex Mel v
Brimingham (Homchurch Sports Centre,
2.30); Hampahire North v East Essex
(Odiham, 2.30); Second division: Dertyshira v South Yorkshire (Moorway Sports
Centra, Derby, 3.30); Gloucestrashire v
Warvickshire (Tuffley, 1.0); Cheshira v
Middlesex (Christieton, Chester, 1.0);
Wordestershire v South Staffordshire
(Wordester V Form College, 1.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First chission merc Bradford v Hilton Leads (6.30); Capital Cry v Starfordshire Moorlands (7.0); Malory CLC v Speedwell Ruceror (6.30); Star Aquita v Reabook Redwood Lodge (7.30); Time Out Spark v Polonia (6.30); Will Witten Poole v Liverpool City (5.45). First division women; Hilton Leads v Spark (6.30); Sovereign Leating Sale v Brixton Knights (6.30).

ROYAL SANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division men: Ballshill Cardinels v Elliott Sports Jets; DV-81 v Team Fife; Kinledth Plant v East Kübride; Team Krystal Kleerv Su Regazz; Team Scottish Farm v Son Accord. First division women: Carluke Brannock v Wheatsheaf Jets; Inverciyde v hallefin Harbahead; Larbert v Fallarit,

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES Scottish Cup First round

Berwick v Alloa Montrose V Arbroath B and Q Scottish League

Premier division Aberdeen v Hamilton Dundee v Hearts Hibernian v St Mirren

Motherwell v Celtic Rangers v Dundee Utd First division Ayr v Meadowbank Falkirk v Clydebank Forfar v Clyde Morton v Airdrie

Partick v Klimarnock Queen of Sth v Raith St Johnstone v Dunfermline HOCKEY

POUNOBTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First divisions Harborne v Cambridge City Haddey Stadium, Smethwick, 12.45; Havant Wernington (Havant College, 2.15); Hounstow v Teddington (Fetham School, 2.0); indian dyminians v Stoupport (Fetham School, 2.0); indian dyminians v Stoupport (Fetham School, 2.0); is v Old Loughtonians (Ottery S. Wary, 2.0); Stourport (Fethern School, 2.0); Isca v Old Loughtonians (Ottery St. Mary, 2.0); Stough v East Grinstead (Brunel University ground, Unbridge, 11.0); Southquate v Bromley (New River Sports Centre, White Hart Lane, 2.0); Watteffeld v Welton (Scholemoor Sports Centre, Bradford, 12.0), Second division: Anchorians v Bournville (Strood Sports Centre, 2.50); Brean v Teumton Vale (Drove Roed Recreation Ground, Weston-super-Mare, 12.45); Cannock v Richmond (Four Crosses ground, Hatherton, 2.45); Doncaster v Broxbourne (Grove Sports Centre, Balderton, 12.46); Guiddford v Reading (Cranieligh School, 1.20); Neston v Camerbory (Albert Park, Selford, 1.30); Petertorough v Gore Court (Peterborough Town SC, Bresson Gate, 2.0); Westolif v Coventry and NW (Francis S6, Southend, 2.0).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Prewas wasterstrate. Whose County Champtonship fines (Poto Farm, Centerbury): Yorkshire v Staffordshire (8.30): Middlesex v Essex (11.0); Kent v Yorkshire (1.0); Avon v Middlesex (2.30): Stafordshire v Kent (4.0); Essex v Avon (5.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Third round: Widnes v Warnington (2.15).
ROOSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE (2.30): Dudley Hill v Militorn: Heworth v Egramont, Leigh MW v Wigan St Patricks; Pilkington v Millom; West Hull

Woodston. BASKETBALL NATWEST TROPHY: Olympic City v Glasgow (E.D.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division sen
(B.D): COTOP Fiers v Tower Hamlets:
Oxford Park v Plymouth Raiders; Worthing Bears v Cheshre Jest; First division
women: Carollif v Sheffield Hatters (B.D): ICE HOCKEY HEMEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Murraylield Recors (7.0); Fife Fiyers v Nottingham Partmers (7.15). NORWICH URBON CUP: Finat: Durham Waspa v Tayatide Tigers (National Ex-hibition Centre, Birmingham, 1.0).

RUGBY UNION TOSHIBA DIVISIONAL

North v Midlands (Otley, 2.15) South and South West v London MCEWAN'S INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP North and Midlands v South (Aberdeen, 2.0)

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP Connach(v Leinster (Galway) Munster v Ulster (Umerick) CLUB MATCHES Birmingham v Esher (2.30) Blackheath v Harlequins (2.15)

Bridgand v Moseley Bristol v Newport Covertry v Dublin Wanderers Exeter v Chettenham (2.30) Glasgow Acad v W of Scottand (2.15) Harrogate v Vale of Lune (2.15) Hawick v Tynedale (2.15) 2.... Headingley v Waterioo (2.30) Heriot's FP v Edinburgh Acad (2.15) Heriot's FP v Edinburgh Acad (2.15)
Lelesster v Gloucester
Liverpool St H v West Park (2.30)
London Scottish v Bath (2.30)
London Welsh v Aberavon (2.15)
Maesteg v Ebbw Vale
Met Police v London Irish (2.30)
Morley v Hartiepool Rovers (2.30)
Newbridge v Cross Keys
Northampton v Liznelli
Northern v Fylde (2.15)
Nottingham v Richmond
Nureaton v Bradford (2.30)
Penarth v Lydney
Pontypool v Giamorgan W
Rossiyn Park v Bedford (2.30)
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Rugby v Broughton Park
Sale v Pontypridd
Saracens v Wakeffeld (2.30)
Sheffleld v Sheffleld Univ (2.30)
Southend v Askeans
S Glamorgan Inst v Abertillery
Swansea v Cardiff
Tredegar v Plymouth Albion
Wasps v Torquay Athletic

deks; Mitcham v Kingston; Old Albanians v Bacavians; Old Brentwoode v Witham; Old Brockleians v Old Tiffiniens; Old Cantabrigians v North Walsham; Old Elthamiens v Old Beccebarrain; Old Ebsomian v London French; Old Johntans v Catord Old Boys; Old Mid-Whitgifinans v Old Colfetans; Old Menthant Taylors v Oxford Old Boys; Old Mid-Whitgifinans v Old Colfetans; Old Walsountians v Old Hamptoniens; Old Walsountians v Old Hamptoniens; Old Walsountians v Old Guildfordians; Old Westelfilens v Old Guildfordians; Old Westelfilens v Old Guildfordians; Old Whitgiffilens v Stroud; Oxford Marathon v Gosford All Black; Perramians v Pinner and Grammertens; Rozeth Manor v Sudbury Court; Russip v Welwyn; Thurnock v Streethern/Croydon; Tring v Beaconstelict; Twolkershum v Orleans FP; United Sorvices v Taumfon; Upminister v May and Beker; Watford v Belstze Park; Westcombe Park v Torbridge; West Norfolk v Royston; Woodford v Peterborough; Worstang v Lewes.

HIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester v Gloucester Civil Service; Aylestone St James v Stamford; Barton v North Kesteven; Belgrave v Birstalt; Belper v Dronfleid; Bewelley v Wednesbury; Birmingham v Esher; Birmingham University v Redditch; Bletchley v Wigston; Groad Street v Stoke Old Boys; Burntwood v Old Abbelans; Bueton v Sheffield Calos; Coventry Standard v Birmingham City Officials; Coventry Technical College v Cleverdon; Daventry v Weilingborough; Disconlans v Lucionians; Drybrook v Eveshem; Dudley Kings-

v Malvern: Handsworth v Aston OE;
Harbury v Aylestonians; Hemsworth v Market Raylestonians; Hemsworth v Market Rasen; Hereford v Telkord;
Hinddey v Cinderford; likeston v East Retford; Keele University v Harper Adams; Kenliworth v Bromsgrove; Keresley v Old Yardielane; Kettering v Northampton Wanderers; Keyworth v Coelville; Kibworth v Brackley; Kings Norton v Sournville; Kymoch v Cannock; Lelcester University v Rosslyn Park XV; Lincoln v Boston; Long Bucktoy v Rushden and Higham; Loughborough v Moderns; Market Bosworth v Pinley; Matfock v Westleigh; Maden Vels v Lesstonoic; Melbourne v Eccleshal; Mallish v Camp Hilt Newark v Chesterfeld; Newert v Pershore; Notis Caquely v West Bridglord; Newport v Five Ways OE; Nottinghernians v Rolls Royce;

Barclays League First division Arsenal v Liverpool (3.05) Third division RUGBY LEAGUE JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Third round: Bractiond v Leigh (3.30); Hull KR v Wilgan; St Helens v Wakefield. STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Fea-therstone v Salford (2.30): Halitax v Oldham (2.30): Leeds v Hull. Second division: Beslev v Rundom (2.30): Bramley v Mansfield (3.30): Carisle v Develoury (2.30): Chorley v Whitehaven; Hunelet v Huddersfield (3.30); Keightey v Swinton (3.15): Worldington v Fulham (2.30); York v Doncaster (2.15).

RUGBY UNION

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finate: Hindklay v Wigston; Oedby Wygge-stonians v Lutterworth; Syston v Stoneygate; Westeligh v Vipers. SURREY CUP: Trivel round: Old Guild-fordans v Kingston; Old Mid-Whitgiffsans v Gumberley; Old Heigatiens v Sasatham roydon; Old Walcountiens v Old Allayman; Pudey v Dorking; Wisnbledon v Oadby Wyggestonians v Old North-amptonians; Old Centrals v Old Wheat-levans; Old Criffinians v Flubery Owon; Old Moselelans v Birmingham Medies; Old Settletans v Old Newtonians; Paviors v Old Saltiolaris v Old Newtonianis; Paviors v Stoneygate; Rugeley v Atheristone; Sripston v Old Parestans; Saltinians v Viddermänster Carolians; Sollhull v Upper Clapton; Spertane v Warley; Satiford v Manchester; Stockwood Park v Bectord Abhetic; Strationd v Aston University; Sutton Cotofield v Bridgnorth; Tenbury v Bromyard; Towcestrians v Barker's Butts; Treatisan v Linley; Trincity Guild v Old Coventrians; Vipers v Marker Sutton Cotofield v Bridgnorth; Warwick v Chipping Norton; Wellingborough OS v Lutterworth; Welshpood v Market Drayton; West Middends Police v Erdington; Wheaton Aston v Yardey; Writtchurch v Warnington; Woodnesh v Old Helesoniene; Wolverlanghot; Woodnesh v Old Helesoniene; Wolverlanghot; Woodnesh v Old Helesoniene; Wolverlanghot; Woodnesh v Old Helesoniene;

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TOMORROW

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Third round: Broad Street v Stratford; Coventry Welsh v Bedworth; Lanchester Polytachnic v Barker's Buths; Newbold v Kerseley; Nuneaton OE v Warwick University; Old Learningtonams v Coventry Dunlop; Rugby St Andraws v Solihulf; Stoke Old Boys v Spertane.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Livingston Manchester (4.0).

NATWEST TROPHY: Leicester v Bracknell (4.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE; First division men
(4.0): Briton Topcats v Otcham Celics;
Censched Vikinge v Birmingham Bullets;
Tower Hamiets v Stockport (5.0). First
division women: Brixton Topcats v
London YMCA (2.0); Nottingham Wildots
v Kingston (3.30); London Jets v Tyneade
(4.0).

HOCKEY WOMEN: NetWest County Championship finals (Polo Farm, Canterbury): First play-off (9.30). Final (1.0).

OE; Ashley Down v Hartridge; Berry Hill United v St Bernadeltes Old Boys; Bristol Hartequers v Barton Hill; Bristein v Berry Hill; Blehopston v Bristol Saracens; Blegdon v Broad Palin; BAC v Kingswoot; Bristol Teleghones v Wintehalt; Bath Cs v and Somerast Police; Exeter v Chetter-ham; Hayle v Helston; Keynsham v Froms; Longlevens v Framplon Cotterell; Morganians v Puddietown; North Bristol v Old Culvorthaysians; Old Ashtonians v South West Gas; Old Bristolians v Dilings Crusaders; Old Colstonians v Oldindi; Old Cothemians v St Mary's Old Styles United; Old Elizabethans v Gordano; Old Beddiffights v Vathor; Old Sullans v BAC-Gothamians v St Mary's Old Boys United; Old Elizabethans v Gordeino; Old Redciffians v Vattor; Old Redciffians v Camborne; Perrance-Newlyn v Launcestor; Redruth v Truro; Teignmouth v Tivertor; Taunton United v Chard; Thombury v Imperial; Weston-super-Mare v Okehamptor; Winscombe v Minschad; Wellington v Yeovil.
RELAND; Ulster: Sealor club: Academy v Sternes; Collegans v St Mary's College; Armegh v NiFC; City of Dorry v Ards; Malone v Portadown; CryMS v Blackrock; College; Durgennon v Gerystones; Queen's University v Terenure Collega. Lebrater: Senior club: Athlone v Cloriant; Bective Rengers v Old Creacent; Corin-

HANDBALL RITISH LEAGUE (men): Tryst '77 v Manchester United SSS (3.0).

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FENCING: Women's team foli champ-ionship (De Beaumont Centre, London).
JUDO: Open espoir championships (Bracknell Sports Centre). SNOOKER: World Match Play champ-onship (Brentwood). iohamp (Erentwood). SQUASH RACKETS: Scottish inter-national championships (Marcos Leisure (Dundee). TENNIS: LTA winter indoor county championships (various venues).

BASKETBALL

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP (men): First round: Great Dane v Russip Eagles (5.0).
BRITISM LEAGUE (men): Liverpool v Kirkby Select (3.0): Strathcyde University v Menchester United SSS (2.0).
WOMEN'S CUP: English League: Second round (Bridgefield Forum, Uverpool, 12.0). Scottlein League: Third resend (Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld, 1.0).

ICE HOCKEY MENEKEN LEAGUE Premier division (8.30): Murrayfield Racers v Ayr Bruins; Petarborough Prates v Soffinal Barons; Straatham Radskors v Whitely Warnors; Tayside Tigers v Nottingham Penthers 77 h. **VOLLEYBALL**

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Time Out Spark v Liverpool City (8.30). First division women: Ashcombe Syenco v Portsmouth Nesteed (2.30); Birmingham v MgI Wessex (1.30); Britamia v Southses Scorpions (2.50); Hitton Leads v Britann Knghts (2.0); Sovereign Leasing Sale v Spark (2.0).

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TDOOR LEISURE

Net gains in the winter sunshine

with not much in common apart from a shared desire to continue that British obsession with tennis beyond the two weeks of Wimbledon-watching.

With the help of Roger Taylor, a former Davis Cup player and three times Wimbledon semi-finalist, we were determined to improve our game. As he stretched and bent, 32 bodies, of varying age and suppleness, tried to shadow his exercises, despite protesting groin muscles.

As Roger showed the way, John, the Lloyd's broker; Gary, the financial director of an American chemical company; Suzie and Charlotte, two teenage Yorkshire schoolgirls; Peter, the Midlands tyre manufacturer; myself, and my son, Adam, aged eight, strained to his command.

The lack of facilities in Britain, especially those suitable when winter comes, was a prime reason for my choosing a tennis training week in the more welcoming Portuguese climate at the Roger Taylor Tennis Centre, Val-de-Lobo, in the Algarve.

The prospect of unlimited play in warm October sunshine would be a lure in itself, the programme put together by Taylor also offers a general fimess routine and 15 hours of intensive coaching which aims to provide everyone, from raw beginner to accomplished club player, advice to improve their game.



Peter Davenport on the Wimbledon star who helped

polish his skills to

enjoy a late-flowering passion for playing tennis

Now 40 years old, I had never played tennis until a few years ago; at school we were pushed towards team sports such as rugby, football and cricket. Tennis clubs had a "class" image which meant they were not exactly on every street corner in the pit village where I grew up.

It was a chance meeting in Torquay with a talented club player that set off my love affair with the game. He taught me enough basic skills to bring enjoyment from being on court and the desire to improve. Since then I have played almost obsessively, in all weathers and on courts in many parts

of the country.

Like any sports enthusiast, you can reach a level of sufficient ability to draw pleasure from your game under your own tuition; at some stage, however, if you are to move beyond that, you need to submit to the more perceptive eye of a professional coach. Each morning began with a run though the pine woods around the tennis centre, with its 12 courts, half of them floodlit, led by Julian, a former stockbroker turned tennis coach. A series of exercises to stretch the muscles most needed in the game followed. They are simple to remember and can be done daily at home.

Taylor, a skilled and patient teacher, is assisted by selected coaches and the large group breaks down on a ratio of eight players to one coach. Uoder the warm sunshine the strokes of the day are demonstrated before

being put into practice.

In the five days of the course we covered basic forehand and backhand groundstrokes, a variety of serving techniques, slice, top-spin, volleying at the net, high and low lobs and One of Taylor's coaching methods

is the use of a video camera to record everyone's efforts. During every morning session each group trooped into a viewing room to see their efforts on the screen. There was no escape. As often happens, concentrating so hard oo the correct way to play makes

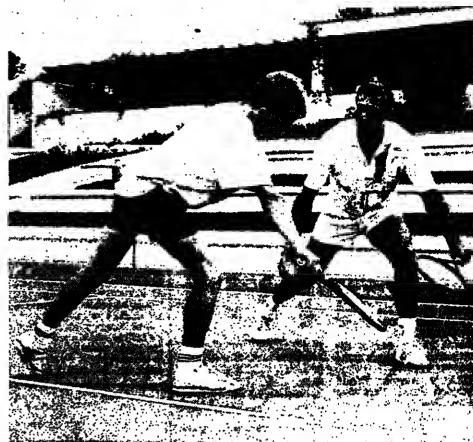
your game seem worse than before you arrived. But when you do bit well a stroke that had previously eluded you, the elation is marvellous. For me, learning a sliced second serve, sending the ball swerving away from my opponent's outstretched racket, and changing my grip to improve a backhand that was almost non-existent were the most pleasing benefits.

At the end of the week I think we all gained something which would improve our game; even Adam, the youngest on the course, was particularly pleased that he learned to serve "properly", something it had taken me years to master and which I had singularly failed to teach him. Above all it was, as all sport should be, good fun and a bridge across the barrier of class, age and sex.

It's oot going to turn me into a Wimbledon champion, but that wasn't the point. The extra knowledge and professional advice will increase my pleasure from a game I regretfully adopted too late.

And Adam? Well, he has certainly And Adam? Well, he has certainly begun to take an indecent pleasure out of thumping the ball past his father!

Tennis training weeks at Val-de-Lobo run throughout the year and range in price from £85 to £165 depending on dates chosen. They include 15 hours' coaching and unlimited court play. Roger Taylor Tennis Holidays will also arrange flights and accommodation which is flights and accommodation, which is,



Master class: Roger Taylor coaches a young pupil in the finer techniques of the game

Costa Storm

WEATHER EYE

I hile most of Britain hile most of Britain was dry and sunny last month, the weather in the Mediterranean region was grim. Killer floods in the Barcelona region were followed by torrential rain in least one beavy snowfall. the Algarve and the Côte d'Aznr and Italy were swept by is so fundamental it is recexceptionally cold weather.

The reason for this topsyturry weather was that there on the Mediterranean world in was often an anti-cyclone over the age of Philip II defined the British Isles. The effect of this high-pressure area was to and plans, when the weather divert the depressions that usually dominate our winters.

They thus headed either across Scandinavia and eastern Europe to the Adriatic, or south to the western Mediterranean.

This combination of events. highlights the fundamental escape the rigours of our meteorological mechanism; when one geographical region experiences abnormal weather, it is likely that adjacent regions will have equivalent every now and then stationary high-pressure regions tend to form near Britain, it is not that unusual for the Mediterranean to be hit by bad weather while it is settled here.

So these events are in part a reflection of a more basic climatic pattern, that of the weather in the Mediterranean

between the summer and win-ter halves of the year. From November to April the Medi-terranean region is often stormy and sometimes cold. In recent years Athens, Jeru-salem, Tunis and the Costa Blanca have experienced at

This climatological change ognized in historical analysis. Fernand Braudel, in his work winter as the season of peace imposed a truce on warring nations both on land and at sea. He cites frequent examnorth over Iceland and down ples of commanders who mounted campaigns in win-ters, only to have their ex-

But for those who want to winters, there is hope. On average it the Mediterranean is warmer and sunnier than here but not drier. Indeed. exposed areas can be surprisosite extremes. Because ingly wet. Between November Naples get well over twice as much rain as London, and Corfu has more than three times this figure.

peditions scattered by the

So for those looking reliable winter sunshine, it could be wise to plan on going further afield.

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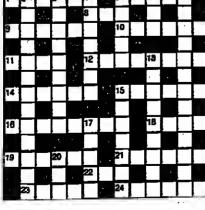


Rained off: Barcelona tennis club in the killer floods

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1736

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, December 8. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, December 10.

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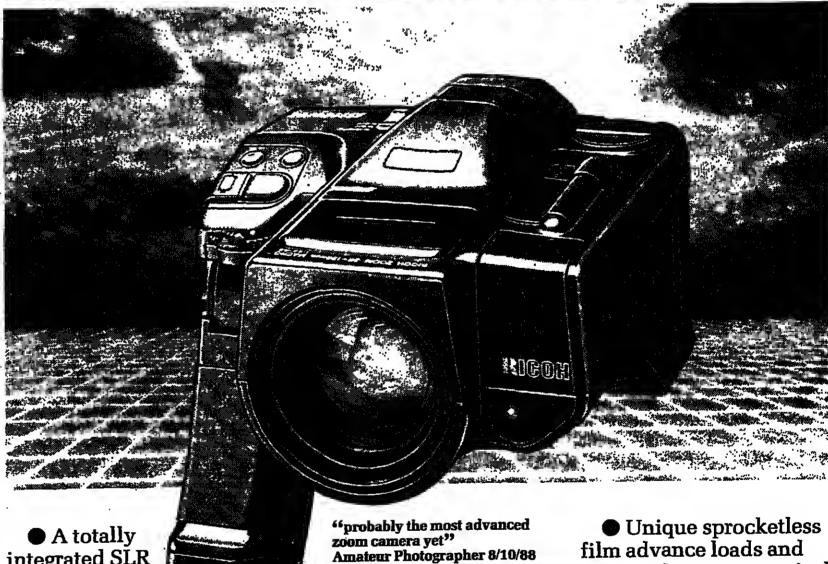
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BRIDGE

The Venetian class in caution

Turin 28 years ago. In a final where the quality of the bridge generally failed to match the occasion, the US defeated Austria by 289 IMPs to 247.

Because Austria had lost their match against the United States in the Round Robin. they were required to give their opponents nearly 20 points start in the final. This rule seems unsound, as it places too much emphasis on the result of a 20-board match. The Austrians fought hard. For most of the first day the issue was in doubt, but in the last 32 boards some poor card play, combined with erratic bidding, allowed the Americans to stroll home virtually unchallenged.

Board 54 was one of the 11) Blue Club most astonishing hands that 1 (2) Negative have ever watched. USA v Austria. World Olympiad Final. East-West Game. Dealer West.



When Wolff and Deutsch held the North-South cards for the United States, the hidding went like this:

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By winning the Open Series of the World Bridge Team Olym-trumps seemed ill-advised, piad in Venice, the United since his partner's cue bid of States finally broke the hoo- four diamonds clearly condoo that had dogged them firmed spades as trumps. since the first Olympiad in And so it proved.

West led the **&K**, holding Wolff to 11 tricks. As it happeoed, I was

sitting in the bridgerama audience oext to one of the Austrian team who was not playing this particular set of boards. His excitement, when he saw the result in the closed room, increased as the Austrian hidding unfolded.

Ε N

(6) Grand sigm force; unwise, in view of North's 10 negative

(7) Two of top 3 honours in spedes

My Austrian friend was almost beside himself. Meinl woo the club lead with the A, and in the manner of a man who has a hus to catch crossed to dummy with the ♠K. To the astonishment of all, and the horror of the Austrian supporters, he eashed the ΦQ . Now even with the benefit of a heart finesse, he lacked the entries to establish and enjoy

As backgammon players often say, "beware the early

Jeremy Flint

The teams which took part in the Open Series of the World Bridge Team Olympiad in

Austria Heinrich Berger Seymon Deutsch Robert Hamman Jan Fucik Alfred Kadlek Friedrich Kubec Wolfgang Meini Franz, Terraneo Jacoby Jacoby Jeti Meckstn Eric Rodwell

Francesca Greenoak tastes 'designer greens'

"Wioter saladini" is the term Joy Larkcom invented to describe her tasty combinations of the leaves and stems of uncommon salad greens. The "neeps and tatties" kind of vegetable conservatism is changing: peppers and Chinese lettuce are common in shops and seed catalogues, and gardeoers are growing Italian chicories and Japanese

Trained in plant science, Larkcom puts her considerable skills towards trying out an unfamiliar range of cultivated food plants, mainly from Asia, in British conditions. "I grow other things as well," she says. "I love flowers."

It is probably the fact that she is an all-round gardener that makes her vegetable cultivation so exciting. Over the past three years, she has experimented with the petit potager form, growing herbs, flowers, fruit and vegetables in an attractive assemblage that would be within the capabilities of the smallest garden.

Larkcom finds the gauzy polypropylene "floating cloche" laid over winter let-Her compact potager (20ft by 12ft) is oval-shaped, with a tuce, endive and chicory of cruciform pathway, crowned in the centre by a stately globe enormous benefit, for alartichoke. A smaller oval is though these crops will with-

Salad dog-eared without protection.
The rectangular beds are leaf

edged in marjoram (the small bushy form called Compactum, which is almost evergreen), thyme and winter savory. Rue marks the corners, and inside the subdivisions there is a wonderful variety of leaf and root (labelled to the north and east so experimental crops are not misidentified). Larkcom pointed out Treviso, a rosehudlike, red chicory that does not marked out in chives, splitting

heart up - "an old faithful, hardy and beautiful" - and a the area into small segments, planted with decorative and broadleaved form called Goledible plants such as Lolio and Salad Bowl lettuce. "There are red and green varieties of both da, which looks like a sprawly green octopus when young and can be harvested, a handbut the green Lolio is very good and shouldn't be neful of leaves at a time. Buckler-leaved sorrel is a glected." she says. Red, purple and green cabbages, kale and beet share their bed with tangy, lowish-growing leaf vegetable which I shall add to my garden next year. It grows flowering herbs such as borage - "though this can be a bit of a densely, so when it begins to

> visions, spring-sowing fresh stock about every four years. Making a panel of darker green, winter purslane (Montia perfoliata, also known as miner's lettuce) makes a neat patch, its characteristic hut-

look congested, Larkcom

splits plants into smaller di-

stand the winter, they get very

GARDENING



Leaves of greens: Joy Larkcom's vegetable garden ton-hole leaves "providing texture rather than flavour" in a salad. I recognized Mizuna, having myself just planted some of this robust all-yearround Japanese salad green, which can be eaten raw or cooked lightly in oil. Mihuna is a spicier iodividual with

flavour; some went into our lunch bucket, to make a lively addition to our salad. The Larkcom vegetable plot boasts two poly-tunnels. They are "not beautiful, but invalu-

able when you're trying out precious crops of doubtful hardiness", and moles are makiog sub-tunnels, so now and again a plant will disappear underground into their excavations. To me these eastern vegetables were an

CLARE ROBERTS

improvement on Aladdin's jewels. The Chinese Large long leaves, slightly nutty in Beauty Heart, a radish the size of a small parsnip, is greenywhite outside, colouring to an inner purple. It has a crunchy, fresh, mild taste, and is an unusual and attractive addi-

WEEKEND TIPS

 Take winter hanging baskets and pots into shelter, or protect them with insulating material when very cold weather is forecast. · Cut dead or dying stems from roses and prone repeat

flowering kinds. Do not mulch over frozen ground — wait until milder conditions when the

soil is workable. Check stored potatoes. onions and root vegetables for disease and decay. Plant any tulip holbs you may still have.

cuttings, unless conditions are

Take last bardwood

very cold.

tion to the salad table. Perilla frutescens is a tall, shapely plant whose melissalike leaves are exotically scented, a cross between gera-nium and coriander. I found new fragrance also in the lemon-scented basil, a riehly resiny Greek basil that was

restible.

Supplies of unusual herbs and vegetables: Suffolk Herbs, Sawyers Farm, Little Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 ONY, J W Boyce, Bush Pasture, Lower Carter Street, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5JU.

CHESS

After England's silver medals playing on second board, proin the Chess Olympics at duced the most impressive Salonika, Greece, there can no score. He was equally deadly longer be any doubt that with White and with Black, and he fully justified his ranking as one of the leading England is very firmly established as world number two to the Soviet Union. I had hoped

hully" -- and green-leaved and

variegated Alaska nastur-

Western contenders for the that England might even challworld title. It is notable that enge the Russians for the gold Speelman seems to achieve his maximum either in matches medals, but they turned in a sovereign performance. With or team events, rather than Kasparov and Karpov both in individual tournaments, where he tends to be too superlative form, there was never any chance of catching pacifically inclined. The follthem. As it was, after a owing fine win hy Speelman somewhat erratic start Engcame in the critical match against Sweden, one of the land recovered well, inflicting turning points in England's

heavy defeats on key rivals such as Sweden and Hungary. White: Jon Speelman; England now has the remark-Black: Harry Schussler, able record of having attained the team silver medals in the French defence, Tarrasch past three Olympics of 1984, 1986 and 1988. Although it Variation.

fortunes

variation of the state of the rest of Eastern Europe, where chess is so popular, and the formidable I in the state of the formidable I in the state of the state of the formidable I in the state of the 2 d4 d5 4 Ngt3 c5 6 Bd3 Nc6 8 0-0 0-0

Speelman has emerged from for White's domination of the King. the opening with a small but central file was his possession Among the English team clear advantage. This is based of the Bishop pair. In order to members, Jon Speelman, on a distinct edge in devincrease his domination of the

Regina v Martin

(Judgment November 29)

board, Speelman has correctly arranged the exchange of

Black's light squared Bishop.

Oxd7 22 Kg2 Ob7 24 Of5

elopment of his pieces and the isolated Black Queen's pawn on d5. This is not just a weakness in itself, but also cedes White permanent use of the d4 square for occupation by a White piece.

Be7 12 h3 B16 b6 14 Nbd4 Na5 Nc4 16 Rad1 Nxe3

Schussler must have felt a sense of relief when he was allowed to trade his Knight for White's powerful Queen's Bishop, but one evil soon replaces another, in the shape of White's rapid control of the important "e" file.

Qc7 18 Rde1 Rfd8 20 g3 One of Black's compensations direct attack against the Black

Bxd4 26 cxd4 Qc6 Nr8 28 Re7 Qg6 16 30 h5 Qg5

Now Speelman translates his

command of the centre into a

White uses his "h" pawn as a battering ram 10 smash open the defences surrounding the Black King. 31 h6 gxh6 32 Nxf6+ Kh8

An invasion by the White Rooks completes the demolition of Black's position. 33 Rf7 Og6 34 Ree7 35 QM Re6

And Black resigned without

WINNING MOVE

In the diagram, White. to move, has sacrificed his Queen for a subtle win, exploiting the exposed

winning move?

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circumstances.

2 The defence was available

only if, from an objective stand-

point, the accused could be said

proportionately in order to avoid a threat of death or serious injury.

3 Assuming the defence to be open to the accused on his

account of the facts, the issue should be left to the jury, who should be directed to determine

(a) Was the accused, or might he have been, impelled to act as

he did because, as a result of what be reasonably believed to

be the situation, he had good cause to fear that otherwise

death or serious physical injury would result?

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situation by acting as the ac-cused did act?

cused did act?

If the answer to both questions was "Yes" the jury would acquit. The defence of necessity

would have been established.
That the defence was available in cases of reckless driving was established by Conwav itself

(b) If so, might a sober persoo f reasonable firmness sharing

two questions:

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waiting for White's reply. 36Rxf8+ Rxf8 37Rxe6 wins

Raymond Keene

plight of the Black King, What is White's

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stances such as the appellant intended to raise.

In consequence of the ruling the appellant pleaded guilty and merely prayed in aid as mingation the circumstances on which he relied to establish the neces-

section 2(1)(b) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 on the basis that the judgment of the court of trial should be set aside oo the ground of a wrong decision of any question of law."

On the day in question her son, the appellant's stepson, had overslept to such an extent that he was bound to be late for work

Defence of necessity in driving offence

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Simoo Brown and Mr Justice Roch The principles relating to a defence of necessity were stated by the Court of Appeal when quashing a cooviction for driv-ing while disqualified because the trial judge had pre-empted a defence of occessity by ruling that it was not available oo such

that threat unless he did as she demanded. Despite the dis-qualification he, therefore, drove the son and was in fact apprehended by the police within a quarter-mile of his Their Lordships allowed an Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Colin Martin, aged 40, of College Gardens, oorth Chingford against cooviction oo his plea of guilty at Snaresbrook Crown Court before Judge Finney to a count of driving io cootraventioo of section 99(h) of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

He was sentenced to four mooths imprisonment sus-pended for two years and for breach of an earlier suspended four-mooth prison sectence, the operational period of that suspension was extended for a further two years. to a defence. If so, the appellant was equited to a trial of the issue before the jury.

Mr N. J. Ley, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr S. N. Parrisb for the Crown. MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeal against conviction was as of right on a pure point of law, namely, whether the defence of necessity was available to a charge of driving while disquali-fied that occurred in circum-

At a private room hearing before the appellant was arraigned the judge held that the defence was not available. He concluded that, once it was established that the appellant was driving and was disquali-fied the offence was established. It was an absolute offence.

Regular monthly payments from an employer's pension sity for his having broken the law. But for the ruling he would fund made to a former employee who was declared redundant while absent from work through have contested the case. The appeal was brought under

181(1) of the throme and Corporation Taxes Act 1970. The circumstances which the the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr John Francis Johnson from a determination appellant wished to advance by way of a defence of necessity were that his wife had suicidal tendencies and on a number of occasions had attempted to take of West Dorset general commissioners that he had been prop-erly assessed to Schedule E

income tax in respect of such payments for 1983-84. During 1982 the taxpayer was absent from his employment because of illness. Before the and at risk of losing his job unless, so it was asserted, the expiry of his period of sick leave he was declared redundant by appellant drove him to work.
The appellant's wife was disand banging her head against the wall. More particularly, it was said, she was threatening suicide his employers, received a redun-dancy payment and informed that because of his illness he would be paid a monthly

unless the appellant drove the son to work.

Arising thus it was conveniently ealled "duress of

son to work.
The appellant had a statement from a doctor which expressed the opinion that "in view of her mental coodition it is likely that Mrs Martin would have at-tempted suicide if her husband did oot drive her soo to work".

The appellant's case on the facts was that be genuinely and, it was suggested, reasonably believed his gife would carry out

The sole question before their Lordships was whether those facts, if the jury had accepted them or accepted that they might be true, amounted in law

They would have had to be directed properly oo the precise scope and nature of the defence but the decision on the facts would have been for them. As it was such a defence was pre-empted by the ruling. Should it have been?

Io their Lordships' judgment the answer was plainly "No". The effect of the authorities was perhaps most conveniently to be found in R v Conwav (The Times, July 29). The principles could be summarized as follows. 1 Eoglish law did in extreme circumstances recognize a de-fence of necessity. Most com-monly the defence arose as duress, that is, pressure on the accused's will from threats or violence of another. Equally, however, it could arise from

Johnson v Holleran (Inspector

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and, indeed, by R v Willer ([1987] RTR 22). Conway was authority also for the proposition that the scope of the defence was no wider for reckless driving than for other serious offences; as pointed out in the judgment, "reckless driv-ing can kill".

Their Lordships could see no material distinction between the offences of reckless driving and driving while disqualified so far as the application and scope of the defence of necessity was

Payments were taxable pension

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to drive.

disability benefit by the trustees of the employer's pensioo fued. He appealed against the 1983-84 assessment claiming that he had received the payments totalling £6,656 in consequence of his being made redundant so that they were taxable under the provisions of section 187 of the 1970 Act (payments oo retirement or removal from office or employment) and were thus subject to the exemptions provided in section 188(1) of the

The commissioners dismissed the appeal holding that the payments of disability benefit were payments of a pension and were correctly assessed uoder section 182 of the Act (voluntary pensions).

The taxpayer in person; Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MORRITT mix JUSTICE MORRITT said that the taxpayer's case was that to be treated as "pension" the payments had to be made (i) after retirement — and he had not retired as he would work when his disability ceased, (ii) to a former employee, (iii) for past

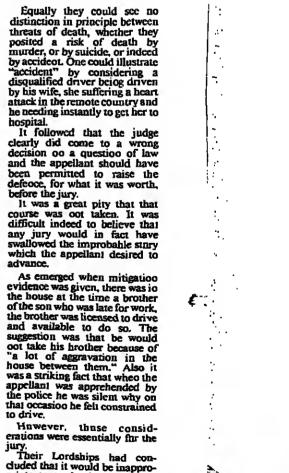
priate to apply the proviso to section 2 of the 1968 Act and dismiss the appeal. In the result the appeal had to be allowed and the conviction quashed.

services and (iv) had to contioue for life. No judicial definition of "pensioo" existed but clearly the taxpayer's retirement was not a necessary condition for the classification of the payments as pension. Certainly big employ pension. Certainly bis employ-ment had to have ceased hut not

necessarily due to his It was not disputed that the taxpayer's second coodition was satisfied and his third was not a necessary one. The fact that the sayments were made on account of the taxpayer's disability rather than oo account of bis past services was immaterial Moreover, it was immaterial that the payments would be

discontinued should his disability cease, The commissioners were entitled to conclude that the payments constituted a pension. However the Crown's case succeeded under paragraph 3 of section 181(1) of the Act and not, as the commissioners found, by virtue of section 182. In the result no order for costs would be made.

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PROPERTY

Where the bell clangs

MPs looking for a London flat need a sense of timing; around

Westminster the division bell

rules, as Rachel Warren discovers

perfectly, then, from the hall, comes the sound of the di-vision bell. Up jumps the Honorable Member, with no time for excuses. He or she has seven minutes, maybe eight, to make it to the Lohby - or face the anger of the whips.

Whether they run it, cycle it,

cab it or drive it, an MP's choice of home or pied à terre is determined by the division bell, the Palace of West-minster's traditional means of summoning members of both Houses of Parliament to vote. lts radius has never been precisely determined, but cer-tainly stretches as far as Mayfair's Burlington Street, to Victoria and Pimlico, to Waterloo and to the Oval.

For estate agents, the bell is a selling point, particularly around election time; mansion blocks within its area become "division blocks". British Telecom will install the bell if an MP lives within reach of the Lohby, but at a price - there is an annual charge of £103.

brisk run from the Commons.

Though my wife It's very is constantly complaining about the dramatic exit. tiresome; it always There was an evening when former President Nixon was here with a goes off at the number of highpowered European politicians, all talkwrong ing about state-ofthe-world stuff, time and they simply could not believe that I had to up

sounded." The bell gives Airken the luxury of popping home to read bedtime stories to his children. "Though the chances are that the bell will ring just as you get to the exciting hits," be says.

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For Cecilia Goodlad, wife of Alastair Goodlad, MP for Eddisbury, the pernicious bell dictates her guest list. Given the speed with which it can dissipate a dinner party, she never has more than one or two MPs among other guests.

Jim Gorman, husband of the Billericay MP Teresa Gorman, is equally disenchanted with the cream bell-box that rules their lives from the corner of the stairs. the 25 regular parliamentary "It's very tiresome. It always goes off at the wrong time. Teresa thinks I should be sympathetic when it goes off

at midnight. But I'm not." Teresa Gorman herself has a love-hate relationship with Prudential) in the division bell umbrella when she wants to turn it off). "It's awful. It sounds like some old fire engine alarm which makes bell should mark Teresa you jump out of your skin. But Gorman's words: "It is like you jump out of your skin. But when it does go off in the middle of a dinner party it can siren could sound at any time. give you a kind of status -

rather, the MP's spouse Everythiog is neatly planned, the dinner party is going dinner party is going next door and heard my bell and of the properties. go off through the wall, I was

able to make probably the most dramatic exit Γ've ever made in my life.

"Often I get to the House and Γm told I've just made it with a couple of minutes to spare. You can't stop to sort out dishes or even turn off the stope. I've often left things. stove. I've often left things cooking."

Prudential's sales manager Gerald Fitz-Gibbon says that prices in the division bell area range from around £100,000 to £150,000 for a one-bed-room flat, £130,000 to £300,000 for two-bedroom and £700,000 to £800,000 for the occasional elegant house on a Westminster square.

Fitz-Gibbon also handles a new development of more reasonably priced Crown Es-tate properties which could prove potential MP pieds-aterre - from studio apartments starting at £105,000 to a £159,000 two-bedroom flat on the corner of John Islip Street and Ponsonby Terrace.

There are currently a num-"It allows you a degree of flexibility if you want to entertain," says Jonathan Ait-the division bell attraction, ber of larger new Crown Estate ken, MP for Thanet South, such as Lindsay Square beside who lives about five minutes' Bessborough Gardens, where such as Lindsay Square beside 29 town houses are

selling for between £365,000 aod £675,000 — the sucb properties to come oo to the market for some time.

The "souod" of the bell carries surprisingly far south of the river, and has affected property prices in some unlikely areas. The story is told of the MP who lives near Brixtoo

optimistically. The first time it rang he dashed for his car and was doing well until he was booked for speeding along the **Embankment**.

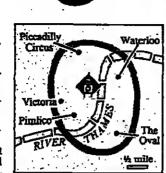
Edna Hunter, principal of Hunter Estates, ranks her parliamentarian flats from the southern borders of Westminster io the busy Yauxhall Bridge Road, northwards through streets bordering on Westminster Cathedral. "Traditionally the most popular street for MPs," she says, "is Marsham Street, just a block away from the Palace."

In Marsham Street is Lockets restaurant, where the di-vision bell has become a tourist attraction. It is one of haunts looked after for British Telecom by Joan Garbutt, who often gets calls from estate agents asking about the bell's radius.

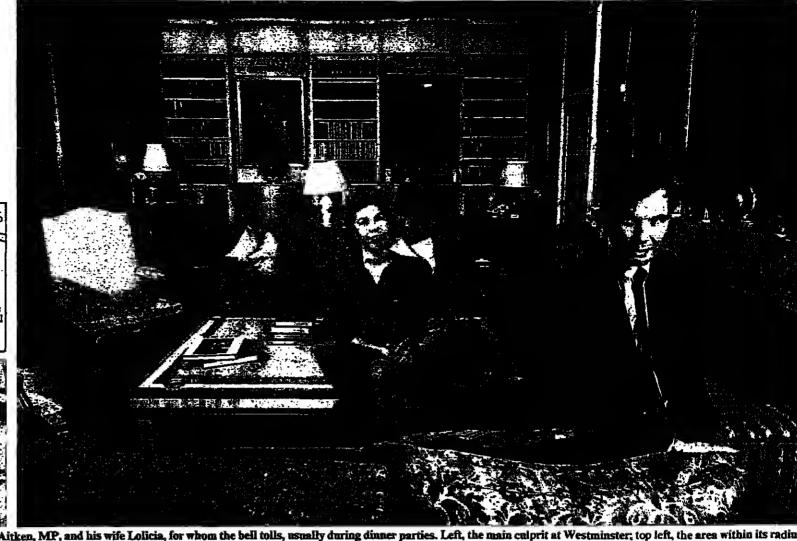
her bell (which gets a firm area is a £140,000 old Dutch rebuke with the butt of ber barge, ripe for conversion, moored off Sunderland Wharf on the Thames. But any MP tempted to buy it and install a being in the war, when the You can't settle."



Teresa Gorman, MP: "The division bell can give you a status that is out of all real proportion to your importance"







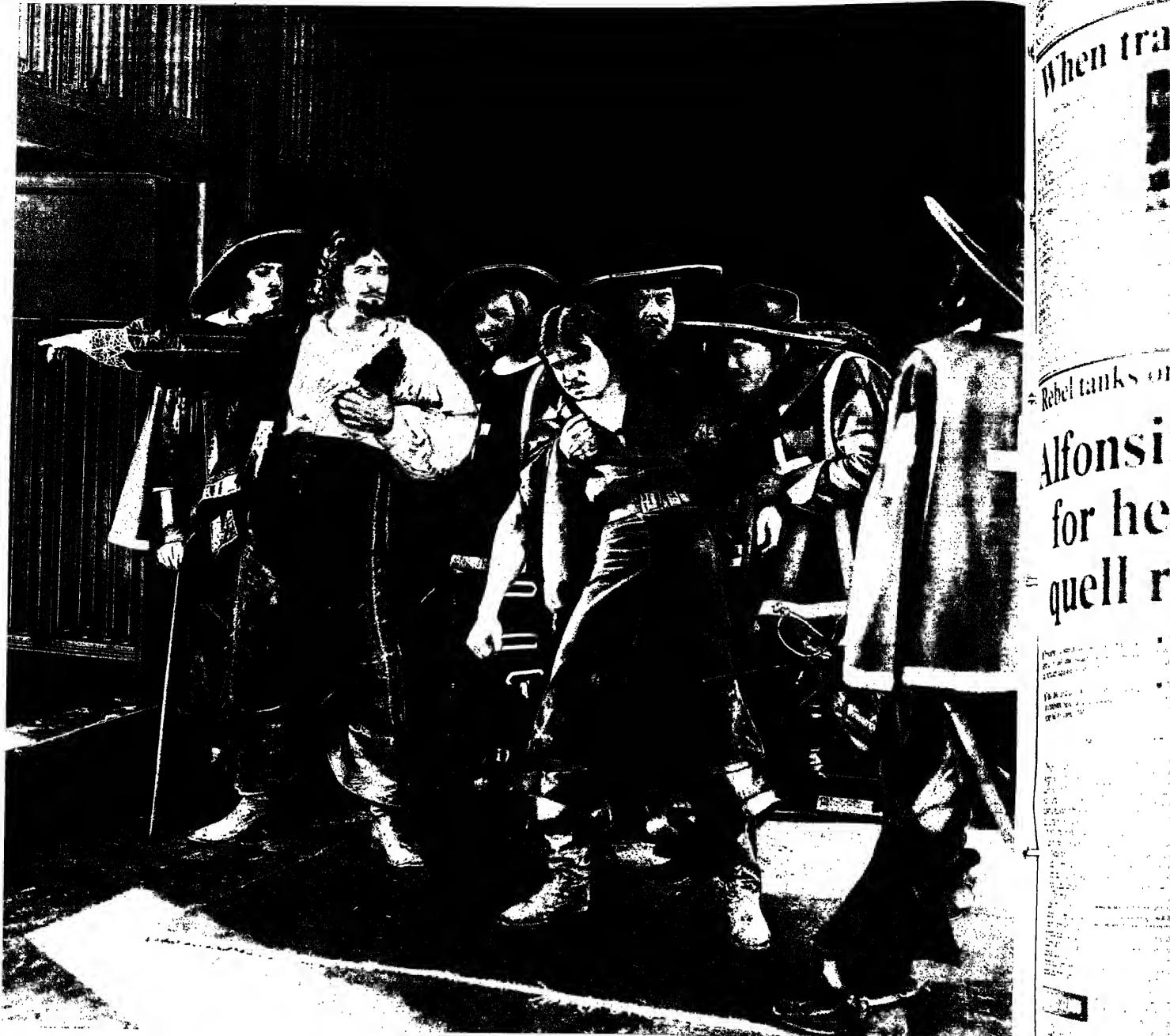
The great divide: Jonathan Aitken, MP, and his wife Lolicia, for whom the bell tolls, usually during dinner parties. Left, the main culprit at Westminster, top left, the area within its radius



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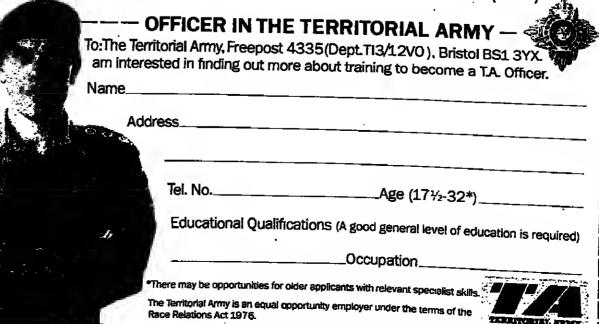
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